



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 2299, an Act relating to the district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment program.

Concurrent enrollment programs play an important role in helping Iowa students earn college credit, explore career pathways, and prepare for future success. However, I am concerned Senate File 2299 could discourage participation in these programs by allowing students and families to be charged when a course is failed or withdrawn.

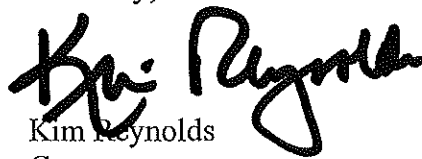
Data show students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch (FRL) fail or withdraw from both online and face-to-face concurrent enrollment courses at more than double the rate of students who are not FRL eligible. At the same time, Iowa students who participate in concurrent enrollment are significantly more likely to pursue and complete postsecondary education. Introducing the possibility of financial liability may specifically discourage participation among economically disadvantaged students who often benefit most from these opportunities. Local school districts and community college partners are best positioned to address student completion challenges through intervention strategies tailored to the individual student. Iowa should strengthen academic assistance, advising, and early intervention strategies to help students successfully complete coursework rather than creating additional financial barriers for families.

Concurrent enrollment has expanded significantly across Iowa and now serves students pursuing a wide range of academic and workforce goals. As participation continues to grow, future legislatures should take a comprehensive look at the program as a whole rather than addressing individual issues one bill at a time.

Our focus should remain on expanding opportunities for students while ensuring these programs remain strong, sustainable, and accessible for all Iowa students.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove Senate File 2299 as specified above, in accordance with Article III, Section 16, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Kim Reynolds
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House