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May 27, 2016

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

I hereby transmit Senate File 2323, an Act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, the Department of Education, and the State Board of Regents, providing for related matters, and including effective and applicable date provisions.

Senate File 2323 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, of which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the items designated as Section 18, and Section 19, subsection 5, in their entirety. These items unduly delay Iowa's transition to a new statewide academic assessment system. The Iowa Department of Education can best serve students by moving forward immediately to prepare for the implementation of the new assessment system on July 1, 2017. School administrators and teachers are eager for a new assessment system that is closely aligned with Iowa's high state academic standards. By providing better information about students' academic progress, the new assessment system will improve instruction. A well-aligned assessment is a key step toward providing a globally competitive education.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully disapprove the above-designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 2323 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor