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DES MOINES – Governor Reynolds today issued the following statement after the Iowa House passed HF 2612, a bill which reforms Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEA) to improve special education outcomes, and raises teacher salaries for new and experienced teachers:

“Today's vote by the House paves a path forward to further strengthen Iowa's education system in meaningful ways. Every student deserves a quality education that helps them reach their potential. By reforming the AEA system, empowering school districts, and improving oversight and transparency, we are committing to better outcomes and brighter futures for Iowa's students with disabilities. They deserve nothing less.

“Equally important is ensuring our ability to attract and retain talented teachers for schools across our state. Raising minimum salaries for new and experienced teachers sends a strong message that Iowans value education and those who dedicate their careers to serving students.

“I want to thank Speaker Grassley, the House education committee, and legislative members who remained committed to the intent of this bill and to working together to reach a compromise that honors it.”

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