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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing nutrition services to school districts.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 2291XS 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256B.15, subsection 3, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 3. The department of education, in conjunction with the
1 4 area education agency, shall determine those specific services
1 5 which are covered by federally funded health care programs,
1 6 which shall include, but not be limited to, physical therapy,
1 7 audiology, speech language therapy, nutrition, and
1 8 psychological evaluations. The department shall also
1 9 determine which other special services may be subject to
1 10 reimbursement and the qualifications necessary for personnel
1 11 providing those services. If it is determined that services
1 12 are required from other service providers, these providers
1 13 shall be reimbursed for those services.

1 14 Sec. 2. Section 273.2, subsection 4, Code 2007, is amended
1 15 to read as follows:

1 16 4. The area education agency board shall provide for
1 17 special education services, nutrition services, and media
1 18 services for the local school districts in the area and shall
1 19 encourage and assist school districts in the area to establish
1 20 programs for gifted and talented children. The board shall
1 21 assist in facilitating interlibrary loans of materials between
1 22 school districts and other libraries. Each area education
1 23 agency shall include as a member of its media center advisory
1 24 committee a library service area trustee or library service
1 25 area staff member, who is appointed to the committee by the
1 26 commission of libraries.

1 27 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 273.5A NUTRITION SERVICES.

1 28 The nutrition services specified under section 273.2 shall
1 29 require licensed dietitians, as defined in chapter 152A,
1 30 employed within each area education agency to do the
1 31 following:

1 32 1. Develop healthy eating programs for school districts
1 33 for all students.

1 34 2. Manage nutritional health plans for school districts
1 35 for all students.

2 1 3. Identify, evaluate, and monitor the nutritional and
2 2 growth needs of students.

2 3 4. Develop optimal educational programming for both school
2 4 personnel and for family members.

2 5 5. Develop nutritional care plans and interventions for
2 6 identified children.

2 7 6. Develop and implement specific nutrition-related
2 8 educational activities for the agency and districts.

EXPLANATION

2 10 This bill adds nutrition to the list of specific services
2 11 covered by federally funded health care programs that receive
2 12 reimbursement as special education services.

2 13 The bill adds nutrition services to the services that area
2 14 education agencies provide to school districts and the general
2 15 student population.

2 16 The bill also requires that licensed dietitians, as defined
2 17 in Code chapter 152A, be employed in each area education
2 18 agency. Each dietitian shall be required to develop healthy
2 19 eating programs for school districts for all students; manage
2 20 nutritional health plans for school districts for all
2 21 students; identify, evaluate, and monitor the nutritional and

2 22 growth needs of students; develop optimal educational
2 23 programming for both school personnel and for family members;
2 24 develop nutritional care plans and interventions for
2 25 identified students; and develop and implement specific
2 26 nutrition-related educational activities for the agency and
2 27 districts.
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