

Senate File 379 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 379
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1048)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensure of child care programs
2 operated or contracted for by a school district or
3 accredited nonpublic school and including effective date
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.1, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
2 2015, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 279.49, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended
4 by striking the subsection.

5 Sec. 3. Section 279.49, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2015, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 2. The board of directors of a school corporation may
8 operate or contract for the operation of a program to provide
9 child care to children not enrolled in school or to students
10 enrolled in kindergarten through grade six before and after
11 school, or to both. Programs operated or contracted by a board
12 shall ~~either meet standards for child care programs adopted~~
13 ~~by the state board of education or shall~~ be licensed by the
14 department of human services under chapter 237A as a child care
15 center. ~~A program operated by a board under contract which is~~
16 ~~not located on property owned or leased by the board must be~~
17 ~~licensed by the department of human services.~~ Notwithstanding
18 requirements of the department of human services regarding
19 space allocated to child care centers licensed under chapter
20 237A, a program operated or contracted by a board which is
21 located on school grounds may define alternative spaces,
22 in policy and procedures, appropriate to meet the needs of
23 children in the program if the primary space is required for
24 another use.

25 3. a. The person employed to be responsible for a program
26 operated or contracted by a board ~~that is not licensed by the~~
27 ~~department of human services~~ shall be an appropriately licensed
28 teacher under chapter 272 or shall meet other standards adopted
29 by the state board of education.

30 b. An employee of a program operated or contracted by a
31 board shall be subject to a background investigation at least
32 once every five years after the employee's initial date of
33 hire.

34 Sec. 4. Section 280.3A, Code 2015, is amended to read as
35 follows:

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1 of "child care" for purposes of DHS licensure and DE child care
2 programs provided for under Code sections 279.49 and 280.3A,
3 striking references in Code section 279.49 relating to child
4 care programs not licensed or approved by DHS, and amending
5 Code section 280.3A relating to accredited nonpublic school
6 child care programs.

7 The bill takes effect January 1, 2016, except that DHS may
8 begin implementation prior to that date.