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Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide a procedure for the accreditation of school
2 districts and nonpublic schools.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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S.F. 2261

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2 Supplement 1985, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~In-addition-to-the-responsibilities-of-the-state-board-of~~
4 ~~public-instruction-and-the-commissioner-of-public-instruction~~
5 ~~under-other-provisions-of-the-Code,-the~~ The state board of
6 public instruction shall, except as otherwise provided in this
7 section, establish standards for ~~approving~~ accrediting all
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9 any or all levels from the prekindergarten level through grade
10 twelve. A nonpublic school which offers only a
11 prekindergarten program may, but ~~shall~~ is not be required to,
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14 of public instruction. The state board shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt
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17 taught from a multicultural, nonsexist approach. The ~~approval~~
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24 designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and
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27 protection and development of physical being. A kindergarten
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5 guidance personnel, as determined by the local board. The
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13 accreditation standards of the department of public
14 instruction and noninstructional staff members shall meet the
15 professional practice requirements of this state relating to
16 their special services.

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18 Supplement 1985, are amended by striking the subsections and
19 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

20 10. By July 1, 1989, each school district shall possess
21 accreditation under this subsection and subsections 11 and 12.
22 Thereafter, the state board shall require that once every
23 three years school districts and nonpublic schools meet
24 accreditation standards. One-third of the school districts
25 and nonpublic schools shall meet accreditation standards each
26 year. The commissioner shall appoint a committee of not more
27 than five individuals one of whom is a member of a local
28 school district board of directors, three of whom possess
29 certificates under chapter 260 and are employed in a nonpublic
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33 accreditation committee for a school district or nonpublic
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21 accreditation committee's report.

22 11. The commissioner shall review the accreditation
23 committee's report and the response of the school district or
24 nonpublic school, and provide a report and recommendation to
25 the state board along with the other reports that have been
26 filed. The state board shall determine whether the school
27 district or nonpublic school shall receive accreditation. If
28 a district or a school is accredited, the accreditation must
29 be renewed every three years thereafter using the procedure
30 prescribed in this section. If the state board determines
31 that a school district or nonpublic school should not receive
32 accreditation, the commissioner, in cooperation with the board
33 of directors of the school district, or authorities in charge
34 of the nonpublic school, shall establish a plan prescribing
35 the procedures that must be taken to correct deficiencies in

1 meeting the standards. The plan is subject to the approval of
2 the state board. For school districts, notice of the
3 deficiencies and the contents of the plan shall be published
4 by the board of directors of a school district in a newspaper
5 of general circulation in the school district within fifteen
6 days after the receipt of the plan.

7 12. After the period of time specified in the plan for its
8 implementation by a school district or nonpublic school, the
9 accreditation committee shall revisit the school district or
10 nonpublic school and shall determine whether the deficiencies
11 in the standards have been corrected and shall make a report
12 and recommendation to the commissioner and the state board.
13 The state board shall determine whether the deficiencies have
14 been corrected. If the deficiencies have not been corrected,
15 the state board may determine that the school district or
16 nonpublic school is not accredited or may grant additional
17 time for implementation of the plan. If the state board does
18 not grant accreditation, the state board shall merge the
19 territory of the school district with one or more contiguous
20 school districts. Division of assets and liabilities of the
21 school district shall be as provided in sections 275.29
22 through 275.31. Until the merger is completed, the school
23 district shall pay tuition for its resident students to an
24 accredited school district under section 282.24.

25 Sec. 5. Section 257.25, subsection 13, unnumbered
26 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1985, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 Notwithstanding ~~the foregoing provisions of this section~~
29 subsections 1 through 12 and as an exception to their
30 requirements, a private high school or private combined
31 junior-senior high school operated for the express purpose of
32 teaching a program designed to qualify its graduates for
33 matriculation at accredited four-year or equivalent liberal
34 arts, scientific, or technological colleges or universities
35 shall be placed on a special approved list of accredited

1 college preparatory schools, which list shall signify ~~approval~~
2 accreditation of the school for ~~such-express that~~ purpose
3 only, provided that:

4 Sec. 6. Section 257.25, subsection 13, paragraph b,
5 unnumbered paragraph 2, Code Supplement 1985, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Any A school claiming to be a private college preparatory
8 school which fails in any year to comply with the requirement
9 of paragraph "b" of this subsection shall be placed on the
10 special approved list of accredited college preparatory
11 schools probationally if ~~such the~~ school complies with the
12 requirements of paragraph "a" ~~of-this-subsection~~, but ~~such~~
13 probational ~~approval~~ accreditation shall not continue for more
14 than four successive years.

15 Sec. 7. Section 257.25, subsection 14, Code Supplement
16 1985, is amended to read as follows:

17 14. Notwithstanding ~~the-foregoing-provisions-of-this~~
18 section subsections 1 through 12 and as an exception to their
19 requirements, a nonpublic grade school which is reopening
20 ~~shall-be-approved~~ may be accredited even if it does not have a
21 complete grade one through grade six program, ~~provided-that~~.
22 However, the nonpublic grade school ~~complies~~ must comply with
23 ~~all~~ other minimum standards established by law and
24 administrative rules adopted pursuant to the law and ~~that the~~
25 nonpublic grade school ~~shows~~ must show progress toward
26 reaching a grade one through grade six program.

27 Sec. 8. Section 257.45, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
28 Supplement 1985, is amended to read as follows:

29 ~~Commencing-July-17-1985,-the~~ The state board shall review
30 the standards contained in section 257.25, shall review
31 current literature relating to effective schools and learning
32 environments, and shall consult with representatives from the
33 higher education institutions, area education agencies, school
34 board members, school administrators, teachers, parents,
35 students, members of business, industry, and labor, other

1 governmental agencies, associations interested in education,
2 and representatives of communities of various sizes to develop
3 standards for approved accredited schools and school districts
4 that encompass, but are not limited to the following general
5 areas:

6 Sec. 9. Section 257.45, unnumbered paragraphs 2 through 6,
7 Code Supplement 1985, are amended to read as follows:

8 Notwithstanding the standards included in section 257.25,
9 not later than July 1, 1987, the state board shall adopt new
10 standards for approved accredited schools. The standards
11 shall be adopted under chapter 17A and shall require that
12 schools and school districts meet the standards adopted by the
13 state board not later than July 1, 1989.

14 Following adoption of the standards, the department of
15 public instruction shall assist schools and school districts
16 to comply with the standards.

17 The state board, in consultation with the boards of
18 directors and the administration of the school districts,
19 shall determine not later than July 1, 1989, on the basis of
20 evidence submitted by the school districts, which school
21 districts meet the ~~approval~~ accreditation standards adopted by
22 the state board.

23 Thereafter the state board shall require that once every
24 three years schools and school districts submit evidence that
25 they meet the ~~approval~~ accreditation standards. One third of
26 the schools and school districts shall be reviewed each year.

27 Section 257.25, ~~subsection 12, applies~~ subsections 10, 11,
28 and 12, apply to schools and school districts not meeting the
29 ~~approval~~ accreditation standards.

30 Sec. 10. Section 234.1, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
31 1985, is amended to read as follows:

32 a. Is in full-time attendance at an approved accredited
33 school pursuing a course of study leading to a high school
34 diploma.

35 Sec. 11. Section 244.10, Code 1985, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 244.10 PLACING CHILD UNDER CONTRACT.

3 Any A child received in the home, unless adopted, may be
4 placed by the department in foster care with any proper person
5 or family. The foster care arrangement shall provide for the
6 custody, care, education, maintenance, and earnings of the
7 child for a fixed time which shall not extend beyond the age
8 of majority, except that the time may extend beyond the
9 child's eighteenth birthday until the child is twenty-one
10 years of age if the child is regularly attending an approved
11 accredited school in pursuance of a course of study leading to
12 a high school diploma or its equivalent, or regularly
13 attending a course of vocational technical training either as
14 a part of a regular school program or under special
15 arrangements adapted to the individual person's needs.

16 Sec. 12. Section 252D.1, subsection 1, Code Supplement
17 1985, is amended to read as follows:

18 1. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
19 requires, "support" or "support payments" means any amount
20 which the court ~~may-require~~ requires a person to pay for the
21 benefit of a child under a temporary order or a final judgment
22 or decree, and may include child support, maintenance, and, if
23 contained in a child support order, spousal support, and any
24 other term used to describe these obligations. These
25 obligations may include support for a child who is between the
26 ages of eighteen and twenty-two years and who is regularly
27 attending an approved accredited school in pursuance of a
28 course of study leading to a high school diploma or its
29 equivalent, or regularly attending a course of vocational
30 technical training either as a part of a regular school
31 program or under special arrangements adapted to the
32 individual person's needs, or is, in good faith, a full-time
33 student in a college, university, or area school, or has been
34 accepted for admission to a college, university, or area
35 school and the next regular term has not yet begun; and may

1 include support for a child of any age who is dependent on the
2 parties to the dissolution proceedings because of physical or
3 mental disability.

4 Sec. 13. Section 260.27, Code 1985, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 260.27 STUDENT TEACHING.

7 Whenever If the conditions prescribed by the board of
8 educational examiners for issuance of any type or class of
9 certificate provide that the applicant ~~shall-have-completed~~
10 complete work in student teaching it ~~shall-be~~ is lawful for
11 any an accredited college or university located within the
12 state of Iowa and states conterminous with Iowa and offering a
13 program or programs of teacher education approved by ~~said the~~
14 board of educational examiners of Iowa or states conterminous
15 with Iowa to enter into a written contract with ~~any-approved~~
16 an accredited school district or private school, under such
17 terms and conditions ~~as-may-be~~ agreed upon by ~~such the~~
18 contracting parties. Students actually engaged teaching under
19 the terms of ~~such the~~ contract, ~~shall-be~~ are entitled to the
20 same protection, under ~~the-provisions-of~~ section 613A.8, as is
21 afforded by ~~said the~~ section to officers and employees of the
22 school district, during the time they are so assigned.

23 Sec. 14. Section 282.7, subsection 1, Code Supplement
24 1985, is amended to read as follows:

25 1. The board of directors of a school district by record
26 action may discontinue any or all of grades seven through
27 twelve and negotiate an agreement for attendance of the pupils
28 enrolled in those grades in the schools of one or more
29 contiguous school districts having approved accredited school
30 systems. If the board designates more than one contiguous
31 district for attendance of its pupils, the board shall draw
32 boundary lines within the school district for determining the
33 school districts of attendance of the pupils. The portion of
34 a district so designated shall be contiguous to the approved
35 accredited school district designated for attendance. Only

1 entire grades may be discontinued under this subsection and if
2 a grade is discontinued, all higher grades in that district
3 shall also be discontinued. A school district that has
4 discontinued one or more grades under this subsection has
5 complied with the requirements of section 275.1 relating to
6 the maintenance of kindergarten and twelve grades. A pupil
7 who graduates from another school district under this
8 subsection shall receive a diploma from the receiving
9 district. Tuition shall be paid by the resident district as
10 provided in section 282.24, subsection 2. The agreement shall
11 provide for transportation and authority and liability of the
12 affected boards.

13 Sec. 15. Section 282.19, Code Supplement 1985, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 282.19 CHILD LIVING IN FOSTER CARE FACILITY.

16 A child who is living in a licensed child foster care
17 facility as defined in section 237.1 in this state which is
18 located in a school district other than the school district in
19 which the child resided before receiving foster care may
20 enroll in and attend an approved accredited school in the
21 school district in which the child is living. If a child does
22 not require special education and was not counted in the basic
23 enrollment of a school district for a budget year under
24 section 442.4, the tuition and transportation, when required
25 by law, shall be paid by the treasurer of state from funds in
26 the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, and upon
27 warrants drawn by the state comptroller upon requisition of
28 the commissioner of public instruction.

29 Sec. 16. Section 299.2, subsection 5, Code 1985, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 5. Who is attending a private college preparatory school
32 approved accredited or probationally approved accredited under
33 ~~the-provisions-of~~ section 257.25, subsection ~~4~~ 13.

34 Sec. 17. Section 598.1, subsection 2, Code 1985, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 2. "Support" or "support payments" means any an amount
2 which the court may require either of the parties to pay under
3 a temporary order or a final judgment or decree, and may
4 include alimony, child support, maintenance, and any other
5 term used to describe such these obligations. Such The
6 obligations may include support for a child who is between the
7 ages of eighteen and twenty-two years who is regularly
8 attending an approved accredited school in pursuance of a
9 course of study leading to a high school diploma or its
10 equivalent, or regularly attending a course of vocational
11 technical training either as a part of a regular school
12 program or under special arrangements adapted to the
13 individual person's needs; or is, in good faith, a full-time
14 student in a college, university, or area school; or has been
15 accepted for admission to a college, university, or area
16 school and the next regular term has not yet begun; or a child
17 of any age who is dependent on the parties to the dissolution
18 proceedings because of physical or mental disability.

19 Sec. 18. Section 633.376, Code 1985, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 633.376 ALLOWANCE TO CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RESIDE WITH
22 SURVIVING SPOUSE.

23 The court may also make an allowance to a child of the
24 decedent who is less than eighteen years of age or who is
25 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two years who is
26 regularly attending an approved accredited school in pursuance
27 of a course of study leading to a high school diploma or its
28 equivalent, or regularly attending a course of vocational
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30 program or under special arrangements adapted to the
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33 accepted for admission to a college, university, or area
34 school and the next regular term has not yet begun; or a child
35 of any age who is dependent because of physical or mental

1 disability; who does not reside with the surviving spouse, of
2 an amount it deems reasonable in the light of the assets and
3 condition of the estate, to provide for the child's proper
4 support during the period of twelve months.

5 Sec. 19. Section 714.19, subsection 10, Code 1985, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 10. Private college preparatory schools ~~approved~~
8 accredited or probationally ~~approved~~ accredited under the
9 provisions of section 257.25, subsection 13.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill creates an accreditation process for school
12 districts. All school districts must be accredited by 1989 or
13 be reorganized by the state board of education. Nonpublic
14 schools may seek accreditation. The accreditation is valid
15 for a three-year period. School districts first submit
16 evidence that they have met accreditation standards. The
17 state board appoints a five-member accreditation committee to
18 review the school district's report and to visit the district.
19 The accreditation committee then reports its recommendation to
20 the commissioner of education. The commissioner makes a
21 recommendation to the state board and the state board makes a
22 determination.

23 If the state board decides a school district or nonpublic
24 school does not meet accreditation standards, a plan to
25 correct deficiencies is developed. The accreditation
26 committee then revisits the school district or school to
27 determine whether deficiencies have been corrected. The state
28 board may grant additional time or remove accreditation.

29 This process replaces the present process in which school
30 districts and nonpublic schools are placed on a list of
31 approved school districts and schools.

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SENATE FILE 2261

S-5370

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3 inserting the following:

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10 during the school year commencing July 1, 1990, and
11 the remaining one-third during the school year
12 commencing July 1, 1991. Accreditation is valid for a
13 three-year period. The commissioner shall appoint a
14 committee of not more".

15 2. Page 4, by striking lines 2 through 6 and
16 inserting the following: "the state board."

S-5370 Filed March 17, 1986

BY HANNON

Adopted 3/18 (p. 754)

SENATE FILE 2261

S-5388

1 Amend Senate File 2261 as follows:

2 1. Page 8, by inserting after line 22 the
3 following:

4 "Sec. ____ . Section 279.10, subsection 4, Code
5 Supplement 1985, is amended to read as follows:
6 4. The state board of public instruction may grant
7 a request made by a board of directors of a school
8 district stating its desire to commence classes for
9 regularly established elementary and secondary schools
10 before the first day of September. Such request shall
11 be based upon the determination that a starting date
12 on or after the first day of September would have a
13 significant negative educational impact or that other
14 circumstances unique to the school district are
15 present.

S-5388 Filed and ruled out of order BY SMALL March 20, 1986

(p. 792)

STATE OF IOWA

FISCAL NOTE TO
SENATE FILE 2261

LSB No. 8122S

Staff ID. TLJ

In compliance with a written request received March 6, 1986, a fiscal note for SENATE FILE 2261 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 2261 replaces the process in which school districts and nonpublic schools are approved with an accreditation process for school districts. Under the proposal, a school district is mandated to submit evidence that they have met accreditation standards to the state board of education. A five-member accreditation committee is appointed by the state board to review the school district's accreditation report, visit the school district and make a recommendation to the commissioner of education. If a school district does not meet accreditation standards, a corrective plan is developed and reviewed by the committee. One-third of the school districts and nonpublic schools are to be reviewed for accreditation each year. All school districts must be accredited by 1989 or be reorganized by the state board of education.

Assumptions:

1. Currently, there are eight to ten on-site visits to school districts conducted each year by five regional consultants. In order to fulfill the requirements for the accreditation process, one DPI staff member and five committee members would have to approve one-third of all public school districts and nonpublic schools each year with an on-site visit. This would require fifteen teams working 28 weeks to make 222 visits per year.
2. Twenty re-visits to school districts would have to be conducted each year.
3. In order to accomodate the increased on-site visits and re-visits, ten additional full-time staff persons would be needed to supervise and conduct site visits.
4. Start-up support costs in the first year of implementation would include forms for the school district reports, training workshops, approximately 1,000 instructional manuals, and committee and task force support.
5. Reimbursement for travel expenses to committee members would be at the standard state reimbursement rate.
6. Per diem stipends would be paid to the committee members at a rate of \$75 per person per day for each of the three days for the on-site visits and for each of the two days for the re-visits.
7. There would be no increase in salaries and committee expenses from the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986.

Fiscal Effect:

	(dollars in thousands)			F.Y. 1988		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Increase / (Decrease)	Current Law	Proposed Law	Increase / (Decrease)
EXPENDITURES						
Salaries	\$ 312	\$ 813	\$ 501	\$ 312	\$ 813	\$ 501
Support	35	282	247	35	91	56
Committee Expenses	0	501	501	0	501	501
TOTAL	\$ 347	\$ 1,596	\$ 1,249	\$ 347	\$ 1,405	\$ 1,058

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2 Supplement 1985, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~In-addition-to-the-responsibilities-of-the-state-board-of~~
4 ~~public-instruction-and-the-commissioner-of-public-instruction~~
5 ~~under-other-provisions-of-the-Code,-the~~ The state board of
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14 of public instruction. The state board shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt
15 rules to require that a multicultural, nonsexist approach is
16 used by school districts. The educational program shall be
17 taught from a multicultural, nonsexist approach. The ~~approval~~
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19 delineate and be based upon the educational program described
20 below:

21 Sec. 2. Section 257.25, subsection 2, Code Supplement
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24 designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and
25 growth in the language arts and communication skills, as well
26 as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks, and
27 protection and development of physical being. A kindergarten
28 teacher shall hold a certificate certifying that the holder is
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31 only if the nonpublic school offers a kindergarten program.

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35 meets the certification and ~~approval~~ accreditation standards

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2 guidance counselor may be employed on a part-time or full-time
3 basis, or may devote only part time to counseling services,
4 according to the needs of the school and the availability of
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22 not require special education and was not counted in the basic
23 enrollment of a school district for a budget year under
24 section 442.4, the tuition and transportation, when required
25 by law, shall be paid by the treasurer of state from funds in
26 the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, and upon
27 warrants drawn by the state comptroller upon requisition of
28 the commissioner of public instruction.

29 Sec. 16. Section 299.2, subsection 5, Code 1985, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 5. Who is attending a private college preparatory school
32 approved accredited or probationally approved accredited under
33 ~~the-provisions-of~~ section 257.25, subsection ~~14~~ 13.

34 Sec. 17. Section 598.1, subsection 2, Code 1985, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 2. "Support" or "support payments" means any an amount
2 which the court may require either of the parties to pay under
3 a temporary order or a final judgment or decree, and may
4 include alimony, child support, maintenance, and any other
5 term used to describe such these obligations. Such The
6 obligations may include support for a child who is between the
7 ages of eighteen and twenty-two years who is regularly
8 attending an approved accredited school in pursuance of a
9 course of study leading to a high school diploma or its
10 equivalent, or regularly attending a course of vocational
11 technical training either as a part of a regular school
12 program or under special arrangements adapted to the
13 individual person's needs; or is, in good faith, a full-time
14 student in a college, university, or area school; or has been
15 accepted for admission to a college, university, or area
16 school and the next regular term has not yet begun; or a child
17 of any age who is dependent on the parties to the dissolution
18 proceedings because of physical or mental disability.

19 Sec. 18. Section 633.376, Code 1985, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 633.376 ALLOWANCE TO CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RESIDE WITH
22 SURVIVING SPOUSE.

23 The court may also make an allowance to a child of the
24 decedent who is less than eighteen years of age or who is
25 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two years who is
26 regularly attending an approved accredited school in pursuance
27 of a course of study leading to a high school diploma or its
28 equivalent, or regularly attending a course of vocational
29 technical training either as a part of a regular school
30 program or under special arrangements adapted to the
31 individual person's needs; or is, in good faith, a full-time
32 student in a college, university, or area school; or has been
33 accepted for admission to a college, university, or area
34 school and the next regular term has not yet begun; or a child
35 of any age who is dependent because of physical or mental

1 disability; who does not reside with the surviving spouse, of
2 an amount it deems reasonable in the light of the assets and
3 condition of the estate, to provide for the child's proper
4 support during the period of twelve months.

5 Sec. 19. Section 714.19, subsection 10, Code 1985, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 10. Private college preparatory schools approved
8 accredited or probationally approved accredited under the
9 provisions of section 257.25, subsection 13.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill creates an accreditation process for school
12 districts. All school districts must be accredited by 1989 or
13 be reorganized by the state board of education. Nonpublic
14 schools may seek accreditation. The accreditation is valid
15 for a three-year period. School districts first submit
16 evidence that they have met accreditation standards. The
17 state board appoints a five-member accreditation committee to
18 review the school district's report and to visit the district.
19 The accreditation committee then reports its recommendation to
20 the commissioner of education. The commissioner makes a
21 recommendation to the state board and the state board makes a
22 determination.

23 If the state board decides a school district or nonpublic
24 school does not meet accreditation standards, a plan to
25 correct deficiencies is developed. The accreditation
26 committee then revisits the school district or school to
27 determine whether deficiencies have been corrected. The state
28 board may grant additional time or remove accreditation.

29 This process replaces the present process in which school
30 districts and nonpublic schools are placed on a list of
31 approved school districts and schools.

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