

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rule making related to education savings accounts
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The State Board of Education hereby proposes to adopt new Chapter 20, “Students First Act—Education Savings Accounts,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7 and 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68.

Purpose and Summary

This rule making proposes to adopt a new Chapter 20 containing the administrative rules for the education savings account provisions of the Students First Act. New rule 281—20.1(257) provides definitions for the program. New rule 281—20.2(257) sets eligibility requirements for participation. New rule 281—20.3(257) sets parameters for the application process. New rule 281—20.4(257) provides for administration and accountability for the program.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has a fiscal impact to the State of Iowa, as described in the Fiscal Note for House File 68, available at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FN/1367577.pdf.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

June 20, 2023
9 to 10 a.m.

State Board Room, Second Floor
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa
Via videoconference:
[IDOE.zoom.us/s/93664266923?pwd=RVlvc2w0WTR6Q1VsU0t4eWc0blpPQT09](https://doe.zoom.us/j/93664266923?pwd=RVlvc2w0WTR6Q1VsU0t4eWc0blpPQT09)

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs by calling 515.281.5295.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Emergency Rule Making Adopted by Reference

This proposed rule making is also published herein as an Adopted and Filed Emergency rule making (see **ARC 7024C**, IAB 5/31/23). The purpose of this Notice of Intended Action is to solicit public comment on that emergency rule making, whose subject matter is hereby adopted by reference.