

**256B.8 Exceptions.**

1. It is not incumbent upon the school districts to keep a child requiring special education in regular instruction when the child cannot sufficiently profit from the work of the regular classroom, nor to keep a child requiring special education in the special class or instruction for children requiring special education when it is determined by the diagnostic educational team that the child can no longer benefit from the instruction or needs more specialized instruction available in special schools. However, the school district shall count the child requiring special education in the enrollment as provided in [sections 256B.9, 257.6, and 273.9](#) and shall ensure that appropriate educational provisions are made for the child requiring special education.

2. An area education agency director of special education may request approval from the department of education to continue the special education program of a person beyond the period specified in [section 256B.2, subsection 1, paragraph “a”](#), if the person had an accident or prolonged illness that resulted in delays in the initiation of or interruptions in that person’s special education program. Approval may be granted by the department to continue the special education program of that person for up to three years or until the person’s twenty-fourth birthday.

3. No provision of [this chapter](#) shall be construed to require or compel any person who is a member of a well-recognized church or religious denomination and whose religious convictions, in accordance with the tenets or principles of the person’s church or religious denomination, are opposed to medical or surgical treatment for disease to take or follow a course of physical therapy, or submit to medical treatment, nor shall any parent or guardian who is a member of such church or religious denomination and who has such religious convictions be required to enroll a child in any course or instruction which utilizes medical or surgical treatment for disease.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §281.8]

[84 Acts, ch 1001, §1; 89 Acts, ch 135, §83](#)

C93, §256B.8

[93 Acts, ch 101, §102; 2010 Acts, ch 1016, §4](#)