

House File 2380

H-8179

1 Amend House File 2380 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 11, line 29, through page 12,  
3 line 25, and inserting:

4 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256.7, subsection 8, Code  
5 Supplement 2011, is amended by striking the subsection  
6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 8. Adopt rules providing for the establishment of  
8 an online learning program model.

9 a. The rules shall limit the statewide enrollment  
10 of pupils in educational instruction and course content  
11 that is delivered primarily over the internet to not  
12 more than one-half of one percent of the statewide  
13 enrollment of all pupils.

14 b. For purposes of this section and sections  
15 256.9 and 256.27, "online learning" means educational  
16 instruction and content which is delivered primarily  
17 over the internet. "Online learning" does not include  
18 printed-based correspondence education, broadcast  
19 television or radio, videocassettes, or stand-alone  
20 educational software programs that do not have a  
21 significant internet-based instructional component.

22 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 2011, is  
23 amended by adding the following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 65. a. Develop and establish an  
25 online learning program model in accordance with rules  
26 adopted pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 8.

27 b. Grant a waiver to school districts, charter  
28 schools, and accredited nonpublic schools that  
29 implement an online learning program aligned with the  
30 program model developed and established pursuant to  
31 this subsection. A school district or school seeking a  
32 waiver pursuant to this paragraph shall submit a plan  
33 for an online learning program to the director for  
34 approval. A school district or school whose online  
35 learning program plan is approved by the director may  
36 be granted a waiver only for purposes of implementing  
37 the approved online learning program. The standards  
38 that may be waived pursuant to this paragraph are as  
39 follows:

40 (1) The minimum number of instructional days  
41 required pursuant to section 279.10, subsection  
42 1, and the minimum number of instructional hours  
43 required pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 19.  
44 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the  
45 waiver may exempt school districts and schools from  
46 any statutory requirement that students be physically  
47 present in a school building and under the guidance and  
48 instruction of the instructional professional staff  
49 employed by the school district or the school except as  
50 necessary under the rules adopted pursuant to section

1 256.7, subsection 8.

2 (2) Any statutory requirement that a subject being  
3 studied by a student enrolled in an approved online  
4 learning program be a subject that is offered and  
5 taught by the professional staff of the school district  
6 or school.

7 c. Require that the school district or school  
8 granted a waiver pursuant to paragraph "b" implement  
9 and incorporate into its comprehensive school  
10 improvement plan required under section 256.7,  
11 subsection 21, accountability measures designed to  
12 demonstrate that academic credit is awarded based  
13 upon successful completion of content or achievement  
14 of competencies by students enrolled in the approved  
15 online learning program.

16 d. Establish criteria for school districts or  
17 schools to use when choosing providers of online  
18 learning to meet the online learning program  
19 requirements specified in rules adopted pursuant to  
20 section 256.7, subsection 8.

21 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . NEW SECTION. 256.27 Online learning  
22 program model.

23 1. *Online learning program model established.* The  
24 director, pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 65,  
25 shall establish an online learning program model that  
26 provides for the following:

27 a. Online access to high-quality content,  
28 instructional materials, and blended learning.

29 b. Coursework customized to the needs of the  
30 student using online content.

31 c. A means for a student to demonstrate competency  
32 in completed online coursework.

33 d. High-quality online instruction taught by  
34 appropriately licensed teachers.

35 e. Online content and instruction evaluated on the  
36 basis of student learning outcomes.

37 f. Use of funds available for online learning for  
38 program development, implementation, and innovation.

39 g. Infrastructure that supports online learning.

40 h. Online administration of online course  
41 assessments.

42 2. *Online learning program waiver application.* A  
43 school district, charter school, or accredited  
44 nonpublic school may apply to the department for a  
45 waiver to implement an online learning program pursuant  
46 to section 256.9, subsection 65.

47 3. *Private providers.* At the discretion of  
48 the school board or authorities in charge of an  
49 accredited nonpublic school, after consideration  
50 of circumstances created by necessity, convenience,

1 and cost-effectiveness, courses developed by private  
2 providers may be utilized by the school district or  
3 school in implementing a high-quality online learning  
4 program. Courses obtained from private providers shall  
5 be taught by teachers licensed under this chapter.

6 4. *Grading.* Grades in online courses shall be  
7 based, at a minimum, on whether a student mastered the  
8 subject, demonstrated competency, and met the standards  
9 established by the school district. Grades shall be  
10 conferred by appropriately licensed teachers only.

11 5. *Accreditation criteria.* All online courses and  
12 programs shall meet existing accreditation standards.

13 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256.33, subsection 1, Code 2011,  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 1. The department shall consort with school  
16 districts, area education agencies, community colleges,  
17 and colleges and universities ~~to provide assistance~~  
18 ~~to them~~ in the use of educational technology for  
19 instruction purposes. The department shall consult  
20 with the advisory committee on telecommunications,  
21 established in section 256.7, subsection 7, and other  
22 users of educational technology on the development  
23 and operation of programs under this section, section  
24 256.9, subsection 65, and section 256.27.>

25 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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