

House File 847

H-1298

1 Amend House File 847 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 3, through page 3, line 3, and
3 inserting:

4 <Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 8, Code 2021, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 8. a. Upon request of the board of directors of a public
7 school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic
8 school, the director may, for a number of years to be specified
9 by the director, grant the district board or the authorities
10 in charge of the nonpublic school exemption from one or more
11 of the requirements of the educational program specified in
12 subsection 5. The exemption may be renewed. Exemptions
13 shall be granted only if the director deems that the request
14 made is an essential part of a planned innovative curriculum
15 project which the director determines will adequately meet the
16 educational needs and interests of the pupils and be broadly
17 consistent with the intent of the educational program as
18 defined in [subsection 5](#).

19 b. The request for exemption shall include all of the
20 following:

21 ~~a.~~ (1) Rationale of the project to include supportive
22 research evidence.

23 ~~b.~~ (2) Objectives of the project.

24 ~~c.~~ (3) Provisions for administration and conduct of the
25 project, including the use of personnel, facilities, time,
26 techniques, and activities.

27 ~~d.~~ (4) Plans for evaluation of the project by testing
28 and observational measures of pupil progress in reaching the
29 objectives.

30 ~~e.~~ (5) Plans for revisions of the project based on
31 evaluation measures.

32 ~~f.~~ (6) Plans for periodic reports to the department.

33 ~~g.~~ (7) The estimated cost of the project.

34 c. Approval of an exemption shall include authority for
35 a school district to use funds from the school district's

1 flexibility account under section 298A.2, subsection 2, to
2 implement all or part of the planned innovative curriculum
3 project.

4 d. Approval of an exemption from one or more of the
5 requirements of the educational program specified in subsection
6 5 does not exempt the school district or nonpublic school from
7 federal law or any other requirements of state law that are not
8 specifically exempted by the director.

9 e. Each school district or nonpublic school for which an
10 exemption is approved shall file an annual report with the
11 department on the status of the planned innovative curriculum
12 project on forms and in a format prescribed by the department.

13 f. After expiration of the initial exemption period, the
14 exemption may be renewed for additional periods of years, each
15 not to exceed three years. The director may revoke approval
16 of all or part of any exemption if the annual report or any
17 other information available to the department indicates that
18 conditions no longer warrant use of an exemption or funding
19 from the school district's flexibility account under section
20 298A.2, subsection 2. Notice of revocation must be provided by
21 the director to the school district or nonpublic school prior
22 to the beginning of the school year for which the exemption is
23 revoked.>

24 2. Page 4, lines 5 and 6, by striking <An approved flexible
25 student and school support program> and inserting <A planned
26 innovative curriculum project for which an exemption was
27 approved>

28 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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