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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ISSUES GUIDANCE ON SENATE FILE 2310 — IOWA LEARNING ONLINE ACT

Legislation. In the 2020 Session of the 88th General Assembly, the Legislature passed [Senate File 2310](#) (Iowa Learning Online Act), which was signed by Governor Reynolds on June 29, 2020, and became effective on July 1, 2020. This Act makes a variety of changes to the Iowa Code regarding education. For more information, see the [Fiscal Note](#).

Governor's Disaster Proclamation. On July 17, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds issued a [proclamation](#) that included the following:

- Clarifying in-person instruction as the presumed method of instruction for all school districts and accredited nonpublic schools during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Authorizing brick-and-mortar school districts or accredited nonpublic schools to provide instruction primarily through remote-learning opportunities only in defined circumstances.
- Providing defined education workforce licensure relief.
- Temporarily suspending regulatory provisions regarding community college maximum teaching load under defined circumstances.
- Defining the State departments and agencies that are directed to monitor the operation and implementation of the proclamation.

Department of Education Guidance. The Department of Education (DE) has issued [guidance](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) regarding SF 2310 and the Governor's proclamation. The DE also provided a [webinar](#) addressing questions and reviewing components of SF 2310.

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