

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC DEFENSE BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying school attendance requirements related to
2 children who are undergoing military entrance processing or
3 who are engaged in military service.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299.2, Code 2025, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Who is a military applicant undergoing
4 military entrance processing.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Who is engaged in military service.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill modifies school attendance requirements related to
10 children who are undergoing military entrance processing or who
11 are engaged in military service.

12 Current law requires the parent, guardian, or legal or
13 actual custodian of a child who is of compulsory attendance age
14 to cause the child to attend public school or an accredited
15 nonpublic school, or place the child under competent private
16 instruction or independent private instruction, during a school
17 year. Under current law, this requirement does not apply to
18 any child who has completed the requirements for graduation in
19 an accredited school or has obtained a high school equivalency
20 diploma, who is excused for sufficient reason by any court
21 of record or judge, who is attending religious services or
22 receiving religious instructions, who is attending a private
23 college preparatory school, who has been excused under
24 Code section 299.22 (when deaf or hard-of-hearing and blind
25 children excused), or who is exempted under Code section 299.24
26 (religious groups exempted from school standards). The bill
27 adds additional exemptions for children who are undergoing
28 military entrance processing or who are engaged in military
29 service.