



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

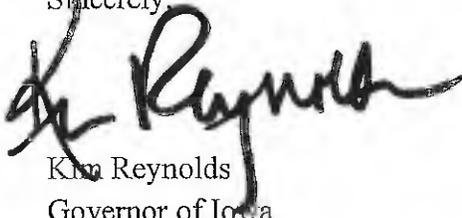
Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 865, an Act modifying provisions related to the harassment or bullying of students enrolled in school districts or accredited nonpublic schools.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,



Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 865

AN ACT
MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE HARASSMENT OR BULLYING
OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR ACCREDITED
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

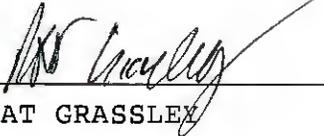
Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

b. An attendance center or school authorized to maintain a year-round calendar must serve all students attending the school and shall not be limited based on student achievement or based on the trait or characteristic of the student as defined in section 280.28, Code 2024.

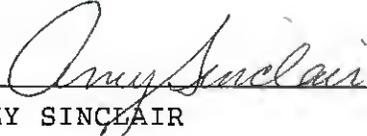
Sec. 2. Section 280.28, subsection 2, paragraph b, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

"Harassment" and *"bullying"* shall be construed to mean any repeated and targeted electronic, written, verbal, or physical act or conduct toward a student ~~which is based on any actual or perceived trait or characteristic of the student and which that~~ creates an objectively hostile school environment that meets one or more of the following conditions:

Sec. 3. Section 280.28, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2025, is amended by striking the paragraph.

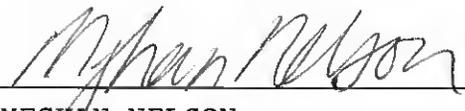


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



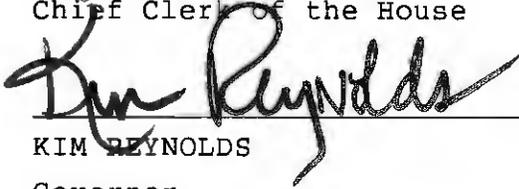
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 865, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 27th, 2025



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor