

Senate File 785

May 10, 1967  
Passed On File

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Passed Senate, Date 6-2-67 Passed House, Date 6-30-67  
Vote: Ayes 34 Nays 12 Vote: Ayes 81 Nays 35  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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prevented 6-2*

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to compulsory school attendance and educational standards.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Chapter two hundred ninety-nine, Code 1966,  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new  
3 section.

4 "When members or representatives of a local congregation  
5 of a recognized church or religious denomination established  
6 for ten (10) years or more within the state of Iowa prior  
7 to July 1, 1967, which professes principles or tenets that  
8 differ substantially from the objectives, goals, or philosophy  
9 of education embodied in standards set forth in section two  
10 hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25) of the Code,  
11 and rules adopted in implementation thereof, file with the  
12 state superintendent of public instruction proof of  
13 the existence of such conflicting tenets or principles,  
14 together with a list of the names, ages, and post office  
15 addresses of all persons of compulsory school age desiring  
16 to be exempted from the compulsory education law and the  
17 educational standards law, whose parents or guardians are  
18 members of the congregation or religious denomination,  
19 the state superintendent, subject to the approval of the  
20 state board of public instruction, may exempt the members

21 of the congregation or religious denomination from compliance  
 22 with any or all requirements of the compulsory education law  
 23 and the educational standards law for two (2) school years.  
 24 When the exemption has once been granted, renewal for each  
 25 succeeding school year may be conditioned by the state  
 26 superintendent, with the approval of the board, upon proof  
 27 of achievement in the basic skills of arithmetic, the  
 28 communicative arts of reading, writing, grammar, and spelling,  
 29 and an understanding of United States history, history of Iowa,  
 30 and the principles of American government, by persons of  
 31 compulsory school age exempted in the preceding year, which  
 32 shall be determined on the basis of tests or other means of  
 33 evaluation selected by the state superintendent with the  
 34 approval of the board. The testing or evaluation, if required,  
 35 shall be accomplished prior to submission of the request for  
 36 renewal of the exemption. Renewal requests shall be filed  
 37 with the state superintendent on or before April 15 of the  
 38 school year preceding the school year for which the applicants  
 39 desire exemption.

1 Amend Senate File 785, Section one (1), line eight  
 2 (8) by striking the word "or" and inserting in lieu thereof  
 3 the word "and".

Filed - *adopted 6-2*  
 May 18, 1967

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1 Amend Senate File 785 as follows:  
 2 Amend Senate File 785 by striking from lines six (6)  
 3 and seven (7) of section one (1) the words "prior to July 1,  
 4 1967".

Filed and lost  
 June 2, 1967

By RILEY

- 1 Amend Senate File 785 as follows:
- 2 Amend Senate File 785 by adding in line 24 after the word
- 3 "renewal" the following: "of such exemptions".

Filed - *adopted 6-2*  
June 2, 1967

By MCGILL

- 1 Amend Senate File 785 by adding in Section 1, line thirty-nine
- 2 (39) after the word, "exemption." the following:

- 3 "No exemption shall be granted pursuant to this Act for a
- 4 grade level of students of the age of sixteen (16) years or
- 5 older."

Filed - *Last 6-2*  
June 2, 1967

By GAUDINEER

- 1 Amend Senate File 785 by adding the following new section:
- 2 "Sec. 2. This Act, deemed of immediate importance shall be

- 3 ~~in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication~~
- 4 as provided by law, in The Algona Upper Des Moines, a newspaper
- 5 published at Algona, Iowa, and in The West Des Moines Express,
- 6 of West Des Moines, Iowa

Filed and lost  
June 2, 1967

By REPPERT and MURRAY

*House*

- 1 Amend Senate File 785 by adding the following section.
- 2 Sec. 2. No child exempted under this Act shall be
- 3 counted in the school census by which state aid is paid to a
- 4 school district.

Filed - *Voted not germane 6-30*  
June 30, 1967

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