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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school procedures for handling child abuse  
2 reports alleged to have been committed by an employee or agent  
3 of a public or nonpublic school.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 280.17, Code 1995, is amended by adding  
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The guidelines of the model  
4 policy in rules adopted by the department of education under  
5 this section shall prohibit the board of directors of a public  
6 school or the authorities in control of a nonpublic school  
7 from designating an employee of the school district or  
8 nonpublic school to perform any level of investigation under  
9 this section.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill relates to school procedures for handling child  
12 abuse reports alleged to have been committed by an employee or  
13 agent of a public or nonpublic school. Under current law,  
14 section 280.17 requires a board of directors of a public  
15 school and the authorities in control of a nonpublic school to  
16 prescribe procedures for the handling of child abuse reports  
17 alleged to have been committed by an employee of the public  
18 school or nonpublic school. The procedures are to be adopted  
19 in accordance with guidelines in a model policy adopted by the  
20 department of education in consultation with the department of  
21 human services. The bill specifically prohibits a board of  
22 directors of a public school or nonpublic school from  
23 designating an employee to perform an investigation.

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