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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to articulated sequential elementary-secondary
2 guidance programs in schools and school districts.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Unless a waiver has been obtained
4 under section 256.11A, each school or school district shall
5 provide an articulated sequential elementary-secondary
6 guidance program for grades kindergarten through twelve. The
7 guidance counselor shall meet the licensing standards
8 prescribed by the board of educational examiners. In
9 determining the requirements of this subsection for nonpublic
10 schools, the department shall evaluate the schools on a school
11 system basis rather than on an individual school basis.

12 Sec. 2. Section 256.11A, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 1. Schools and school districts ~~unable-to-meet-the~~
15 ~~standard-adopted-by-the-state-board-requiring-each-school-or~~
16 ~~school-district-operating-a-kindergarten-through-grade-twelve~~
17 ~~program-to-provide-an-articulated-sequential-elementary-~~
18 ~~secondary-guidance-program~~ may, not later than August 1, ~~±1995~~
19 1997, for the school year beginning July 1, ~~±1995~~ 1997, file a
20 written request to the department of education that the
21 department waive the requirement, for established in section
22 256.11, subsection 9, that a school or school district
23 operating a kindergarten through grade twelve program, provide
24 an articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance
25 program. The procedures specified in subsection 3 apply to
26 the request. Not later than August 1, ~~±1996~~ 1998, for the
27 school year beginning July 1, ~~±1996~~ 1998, the board of
28 directors of a school district or the authorities in charge of
29 a nonpublic school may request a one-year extension of the
30 waiver.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill reestablishes a statutory requirement that each
33 school or school district have, unless a waiver has been
34 obtained, an articulated sequential elementary-secondary
35 guidance program for grades kindergarten through 12. The bill

1 also extends the time in which schools may apply for waivers
2 to August 1, 1998.

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