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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing a waiver of school year length requirements due
2 to extensions caused by inclement weather, and providing an
3 effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. The requirement contained in section 279.10
2 that the school year shall continue for at least one hundred
3 eighty days following the commencement of the school year
4 shall be subject to a waiver where the school calendar has
5 been extended beyond its anticipated conclusion date due to
6 inclement weather.

7 For the school year beginning July 1, 1996, if the school
8 calendar has been extended due to inclement weather, such that
9 school will remain in session beyond June 6, 1997, in order to
10 comply with the one hundred eighty day requirement, a school
11 may be granted a waiver from that requirement provided
12 students have completed all curriculum requirements for the
13 school year. Upon written request, certified by the board of
14 directors of a school district, filed not later than May 15,
15 1997, the director of the department of education may grant
16 the waiver. The request shall be made on forms furnished by
17 the department. In reviewing the request, the director shall
18 consider the total school calendar of the district and its
19 good faith effort to make up days school was not in session
20 prior to June 6, 1997.

21 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
22 takes effect upon enactment.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill provides that a school district may be granted a
25 waiver from the 180 day school year duration requirements of
26 Code section 279.10 where the school calendar has been
27 extended due to inclement weather beyond June 6, 1997. A
28 school district seeking a waiver shall apply to the director
29 of the department of education, who shall consider the total
30 school calendar of the district and its good faith effort to
31 make up the missed school days prior to June 6, 1997. The
32 bill contains an immediate effective date.

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