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HOUSE FILE **341**  
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the one-hundred-eighty-day school calendar  
2 requirement and a temporary law authorizing the director of  
3 the department of education to waive the requirement under  
4 certain circumstances, and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Amend House File 341 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 3, by striking the word "shall"  
3 and inserting the following: "may".

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
GRIES of Crawford, Chairperson

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1 Section 1. DISASTER EMERGENCY SCHOOL CALENDAR WAIVER. For  
2 the school year beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30,  
3 1997, the director of the department of education shall waive  
4 the one-hundred-eighty-day school calendar requirement set  
5 forth in section 279.10, subsection 1, as provided by this  
6 section, for an accredited nonpublic school or public school  
7 district that submits a written request if the school or  
8 school district is located in a county proclaimed by the  
9 governor to be a disaster emergency area. A school or school  
10 district is eligible for this section only if the school or  
11 school district's calendar was reduced by more than fifteen  
12 days due to the disaster conditions and only school days  
13 canceled due to disaster conditions in excess of fifteen days  
14 may be waived.

15 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,  
16 takes effect upon enactment.

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#### EXPLANATION

18 This bill directs the director of the department of  
19 education to waive, during the school year beginning July 1,  
20 1996, and ending June 30, 1997, the 180-day school calendar  
21 under certain conditions. To be eligible for a waiver, an  
22 accredited nonpublic school or school district that applies  
23 for a waiver must be located in a county proclaimed by the  
24 governor to be a disaster emergency area. The school or  
25 school district's calendar must have been reduced by more than  
26 15 days due to the disaster conditions, and only those days  
27 canceled due to the disaster conditions in excess of 15 days  
28 may be waived.

29 The governor issued a disaster emergency proclamation on  
30 January 29, 1997, for counties that experienced several severe  
31 winter storm systems since January 9, including Cherokee,  
32 Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo  
33 Alto, Plymouth, and Sioux counties.

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