

SENATE FILE 264
BY CONNOLLY

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating a component from an alternative to the annual
2 achievement evaluations required to assess the academic
3 progress of children receiving private instruction.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 299A.4, subsection 7, paragraph c,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1997, is amended by striking the
3 unnumbered paragraph.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill removes an assessment requirement that the
6 parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child under private
7 instruction may annually submit as evidence of the child's
8 academic progress as an alternative to the annual achievement
9 evaluation requirement.

10 Under the Code, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian
11 must be evaluated annually by May 1, either through the use of
12 a nationally recognized standardized achievement evaluation or
13 other assessment tool developed or recognized by the
14 department of education and chosen by the child's parent,
15 guardian, or legal custodian from a list of approved
16 evaluations or assessment tools provided by the department of
17 education, or through the submission of evidence that the
18 child is achieving adequate academic progress. The evidence
19 must include the following: (1) a written record indicating
20 the subjects taught and activities in which the child has been
21 engaged, (2) a portfolio of the child's work, and (3)
22 completed assessment evaluations if assessment evaluations are
23 administered to a child as part of the competent private
24 instruction by the parent, guardian, or legal custodian. The
25 bill eliminates the third component, the assessment
26 evaluations.

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