

SENATE FILE 78
BY CONNOLLY

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A BILL FOR

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

4 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. Each school or school district shall
4 have all of the following:

5 a. A media center in each attendance center accessible to
6 students throughout the school day.

7 b. A qualified school media specialist who shall meet the
8 licensing standards prescribed by the board of educational
9 examiners and be responsible for media center supervision.

10 c. An articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance
11 program for grades kindergarten through twelve. The guidance
12 counselor shall meet the licensing standards prescribed by the
13 board of educational examiners.

14 In determining the requirements of this subsection for
15 nonpublic schools, the department shall evaluate the schools
16 on a school system basis rather than on an individual school
17 basis.

18 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION. Section 25B.2, subsection 3,
19 shall not apply to this Act.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill reestablishes a statutory requirement that each
22 school or school district have a media center in each
23 attendance center accessible to students throughout the school
24 day, a qualified school media specialist responsible for media
25 center supervision, and an articulated sequential elementary-
26 secondary guidance program for grades kindergarten through 12.
27 The bill may include a state mandate. However, the bill
28 nullifies the state mandate funding requirement provided in
29 section 25B.2, subsection 3.

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