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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to educational standards and waivers for school  
2 districts and accredited nonpublic schools.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, Code 1999, 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 accredited nonpublic school or  
5 school district shall have all of the following:

6 a. A media center in each attendance center accessible to  
7 students throughout the school day and a qualified school  
8 media services specialist who meets the licensing standards  
9 prescribed by the board of educational examiners and who is  
10 responsible for media center supervision.

11 b. An articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance  
12 program for grades kindergarten through twelve and a guidance  
13 counselor who meets the licensing standards prescribed by the  
14 board of educational examiners.

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

20 Sec. 2. Section 256.11A, subsection 1, Code 1999, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 1. Schools Accredited nonpublic schools and school  
23 ~~districts unable to meet the standard adopted by the state~~  
24 ~~board requiring each school or school district operating a~~  
25 ~~kindergarten through grade twelve program to provide an~~  
26 ~~articulated sequential elementary secondary guidance program~~  
27 may, not later than August 1, 1995 2000, for the school year  
28 beginning July 1, 1995 2000, file a written request to the  
29 department of education that the department waive one or more  
30 of the requirement for requirements established in section  
31 256.11, subsection 9, that an accredited nonpublic school or  
32 school district have a media center and a qualified school  
33 media services specialist and that an accredited nonpublic  
34 school or school district operating a kindergarten through  
35 grade twelve program provide an articulated sequential

1 elementary-secondary guidance program. The procedures  
2 specified in subsection 3 apply to the request. Not later  
3 than August 1, ~~1996~~ 2001, for the school year beginning July  
4 1, ~~1996~~ 2001, the board of directors of a school district or  
5 the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school may request a  
6 one-year extension of the waiver.

7 Sec. 3. Section 256.11A, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
8 amended by striking the subsection.

9 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
10 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
11 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
12 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
13 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
14 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
15 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
16 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
17 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
18 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

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#### EXPLANATION

20 This bill reestablishes a statutory requirement that each  
21 accredited nonpublic school or school district have, unless a  
22 waiver has been obtained, a media center in each attendance  
23 center accessible to students throughout the school day, a  
24 qualified school media services specialist responsible for  
25 media center supervision, an articulated sequential  
26 elementary-secondary guidance program for grades kindergarten  
27 through 12, and a licensed guidance counselor. The bill  
28 authorizes waivers to be requested for school year 2000-2001  
29 or 2001-2002 if filed by August 1 of the respective year.

30 This bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
31 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
32 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
33 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
34 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
35 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state

1 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
2 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
3 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
4 state mandates included in the bill.

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