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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts and accredited nonpublic  
2 schools to provide an articulated sequential guidance program  
3 for grades kindergarten through twelve, and providing for a  
4 waiver.

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

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EDUCATION

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 school or school district shall  
5 provide an articulated sequential elementary-secondary  
6 guidance program for grades kindergarten through twelve and a  
7 guidance counselor who meets the licensing standards  
8 prescribed by the board of educational examiners. In  
9 determining the requirements of this subsection for nonpublic  
10 schools, the department shall evaluate the schools on a school  
11 system basis rather than on an individual school basis.

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

14 1. ~~Schools-and-school-districts-unable-to-meet-the~~  
15 ~~standard-adopted-by-the-state-board-requiring-each-school-or~~  
16 ~~school-district-operating-a-kindergarten-through-grade-twelve~~  
17 ~~program-to-provide-an-articulated-sequential-elementary-~~  
18 ~~secondary-guidance-program~~ The board of directors of a school  
19 district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school  
20 may, not later than August 1, ~~1995~~ 1999, for the school year  
21 beginning July 1, ~~1995~~ 1999, file a written request to the  
22 department of education that the department waive the  
23 requirement ~~for~~, established in section 256.11, subsection 9,  
24 that a school or school district operating a kindergarten  
25 through grade twelve program, provide an articulated  
26 sequential elementary-secondary guidance program and a  
27 guidance counselor who meets the licensing standards  
28 prescribed by the board of educational examiners. The  
29 procedures specified in subsection 3 apply to the request.  
30 Not later than August 1, ~~1996~~ 2000, for the school year  
31 beginning July 1, ~~1996~~ 2000, the board of directors of a  
32 school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic  
33 school may request a one-year extension of the waiver.

34 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
35 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring

1 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
2 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
3 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
4 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
5 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
6 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
7 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
8 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill reestablishes a statutory requirement that each  
11 accredited nonpublic school or school district have for grades  
12 kindergarten through 12, unless a waiver has been obtained, an  
13 articulated sequential elementary-secondary guidance program  
14 and a guidance counselor who meets the licensing standards  
15 prescribed by the board of educational examiners. The bill  
16 also provides that a school may apply for a waiver to the  
17 requirement by August 1, 1999, and by August 1, 2000, for  
18 school years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

19 This bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
20 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
21 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
22 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
23 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
24 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
25 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
26 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
27 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
28 state mandates included in the bill.

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