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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a waiver from the education standards for the
2 implementation of a community service program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds that
2 community service programs are valuable tools in providing the
3 youths of this state with opportunities to contribute to, and
4 become more involved in, their communities. Community service
5 activities enrich children's lives and prepare them to become
6 good citizens of the state. The general assembly encourages
7 schools to embrace a more active role in connecting students
8 with community service programs.

9 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, subsection 48, unnumbered paragraph
10 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

11 Grant annual exemptions from one or more of the minimum
12 education standards contained in section 256.11 and rules
13 adopted by the state board of education to nonpublic schools
14 or public school districts who have established a community
15 service program, or who are engaging in comprehensive school
16 transformation efforts that are broadly consistent with the
17 current standards, but require exemption from one or more
18 standards in order to implement the community service program
19 or comprehensive school transformation effort within the
20 nonpublic school or school district. Nonpublic schools or
21 public school districts wishing to be exempted from one or
22 more of the minimum standards contained in section 256.11 and
23 rules adopted by the state board of education shall file a
24 request for an exemption with the department. Requests for
25 exemption shall include all of the following:

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill presents the findings of the general assembly
28 regarding the mutually beneficial results that occur when the
29 children of this state become involved in community service
30 programs. The bill also allows the director of the department
31 of education to waive one or more of the minimum education
32 standards for school districts and nonpublic schools that
33 implement a community service program.

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