## MAR 2 2004 EDUCATION

## HOUSE FILE 2410 BY COHOON

|    | Passed House, Date Passed Senate, Date                           |
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|    | Vote: Ayes Nays Nays Nays                                        |
|    | Approved                                                         |
|    | A BILL FOR                                                       |
| 1  | An Act changing dates related to school district requests to the |
| 2  | department of education for approval to use additional           |
| 3  | allowable growth for programs for returning dropouts and         |
| 4  | dropout prevention.                                              |
| 5  | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:      |
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- 1 Section 1. Section 257.40, Code 2003, is amended to read 2 as follows:
- 3 257.40 PLANS FOR RETURNING DROPOUTS AND DROPOUT
- 4 PREVENTION.
- 5 The board of directors of a school district requesting to
- 6 use additional allowable growth for programs for returning
- 7 dropouts and dropout prevention shall submit applications for
- 8 approval for the programs to the department not later than
- 9 November-1 February 15 preceding the budget year during which
- 10 the program will be offered. The department shall review the
- 11 program plans and shall prior to January-15 April 30 either
- 12 grant approval for the program or return the request for
- 13 approval with comments of the department included. An
- 14 unapproved request for a program may be resubmitted with
- 15 modifications to the department not later than February-1 May
- 16 15. Not later than February-15 May 31, the department shall
- 17 notify the department of management and the school budget
- 18 review committee of the names of the school districts for
- 19 which programs using additional allowable growth for funding
- 20 have been approved and the approved budget of each program
- 21 listed separately for each school district having an approved
- 22 program.
- 23 EXPLANATION
- 24 This bill changes the date by which a school district must
- 25 apply to the department of education for approval to use
- 26 additional allowable growth for programs for returning
- 27 dropouts and dropout prevention from November 1 to February
- 28 15. The bill subsequently changes the dates by which the
- 29 department must review the program plans and either grant
- 30 approval or return the request, the date by which requests
- 31 must be resubmitted with modifications, and the date by which
- 32 the department must notify the department of management and
- 33 the school budget review committee of the names of the school
- 34 districts whose requests have been approved.