

House Study Bill 274

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a waiver of deadline requirements relating
2 to whole=grade sharing agreements in specified school
3 districts, and providing an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. WHOLE=GRADE SHARING AGREEMENT DEADLINE WAIVER.
1 2 Notwithstanding sections 282.10 and 282.11, the department of
1 3 education may, prior to July 1, 2003, and at the department's
1 4 discretion, waive any of the deadline requirements of sections
1 5 282.10 and 282.11, relating to the signing of a whole=grade
1 6 sharing agreement by the boards of two or more school
1 7 districts involved in the agreement and the public notice and
1 8 hearing requirements, if one of the districts involved in the
1 9 agreement has an enrollment of less than three hundred pupils
1 10 and has formed a dissolution commission pursuant to section
1 11 275.51.

1 12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 14 EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill provides that the department of education may,
1 16 prior to July 1, 2003, and at the discretion of the
1 17 department, waive requirements relating to deadlines for
1 18 entering into whole=grade sharing agreements, and applicable
1 19 notice and hearing requirements, as specified in Code sections
1 20 282.10 and 282.11. Code section 282.10 provides that a whole=
1 21 grade sharing agreement shall be signed by the boards of the
1 22 districts involved in the agreement not later than February 1
1 23 of the school year prior to the year in which the agreement
1 24 would go into effect, and Code section 282.11 provides for
1 25 notice, hearing, and appeal procedures relating to the
1 26 agreement within specified time frames.

1 27 The bill provides that the option of a waiver shall be
1 28 available if one of the school districts which is a party to a
1 29 whole=grade sharing agreement has an enrollment of less than
1 30 300 pupils, and has formed a dissolution commission pursuant
1 31 to Code section 275.51.

1 32 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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