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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act increasing the compulsory school attendance age.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2005, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.

4 A child who has reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~  
5 eighteen years of age by September 15 is of compulsory  
6 attendance age. However, if a child enrolled in a school  
7 district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of  
8 ~~sixteen~~ eighteen on or after September 15, the child remains  
9 of compulsory age until the end of the regular school  
10 calendar.

11 Sec. 2. Section 299A.8, Code 2005, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 299A.8 DUAL ENROLLMENT.

14 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who is  
15 receiving competent private instruction under this chapter ~~or~~  
16 ~~a-child-over-compulsory-age-who-is-receiving-private~~  
17 ~~instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be  
18 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.  
19 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for dual  
20 enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to  
21 participate in any academic activities in the district and  
22 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as  
23 public school children in any extracurricular activities  
24 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the  
25 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to  
26 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If  
27 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child  
28 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment  
29 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in  
30 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section  
31 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "f". A pupil enrolled in  
32 grades nine through twelve under this section shall be counted  
33 in the same manner as a shared-time pupil under section 257.6,  
34 subsection 1, paragraph "c".

35 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance

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

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## EXPLANATION

11 This bill raises the compulsory school attendance age from  
12 16 to 18 years of age. The bill includes a technical  
13 amendment to eliminate reference to the compulsory attendance  
14 age for purposes of dual enrollment.

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

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