

House Study Bill 29 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON FORRISTALL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating certain procedures for the implementation of
2 interventions by school districts with attendance centers
3 identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 61, paragraph b, Code
2 2011, is amended by striking the paragraph.

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EXPLANATION

4 This bill removes a provision that directs the director of
5 the department of education to require a school district that
6 has one or more attendance centers identified as a persistently
7 lowest-achieving school to negotiate with the school district's
8 employee organization to reach a memorandum of understanding
9 that contains an agreement regarding which of the four possible
10 interventions the school district will implement as required by
11 the U.S. department of education.

12 Currently, the school district and the employee organization
13 representing the school district's teachers must meet at
14 reasonable times to negotiate a memorandum of understanding
15 that contains an agreement on the specific intervention to
16 be implemented and a provision stating that the terms of any
17 collective bargaining agreement between the parties shall
18 remain in effect and unaltered except as specifically agreed
19 to in the memorandum. If the parties are unable to reach an
20 agreement within 45 days, they must select an impartial and
21 disinterested person to serve as a mediator, who shall not
22 compel the parties to agree. If mediation fails after 30
23 days, the school district shall not receive any federal school
24 improvement funds for the attendance center identified as a
25 persistently lowest-achieving school. The memorandum remains
26 in effect for the period of time that an attendance center is
27 identified as a persistently lowest-achieving school unless a
28 duration period is included in the memorandum or the parties
29 mutually agree to amend the memorandum.