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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of education to distribute a
2 handbook of educational options.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 24, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 24. a. Classify and define the various schools under the
4 supervision of the department, formulate suitable courses of
5 study, and publish and distribute the classifications and
6 courses of study and promote their use.

7 b. The director shall publish on the department's internet
8 site a handbook describing, in English and Spanish, educational
9 options available to parents and guardians of children who are
10 between five and twenty-one years of age and who have not yet
11 graduated from secondary school. The department shall send the
12 handbook annually by ordinary mail to the parents and guardians
13 of such children and shall make the handbook available at all
14 public offices, including but not limited to United States
15 postal service offices, public libraries, and public schools.
16 The educational options described shall include but are not
17 limited to public school districts, open enrollment, charter
18 schools, private schools, private instruction, dual enrollment,
19 school tuition organizations, and the senior year plus program.
20 The handbook shall also provide instructions for accessing
21 each of the educational options and shall include contact
22 information for department personnel assigned to administer the
23 educational options described in the handbook.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill requires the director of the department of
28 education to publish on the agency's internet site a handbook
29 describing, in English and Spanish, the educational options
30 available to parents and guardians of children who are between
31 5 and 21 years of age and who have not yet graduated from
32 secondary school. The department must also send, by ordinary
33 mail, a copy of the handbook to the parents and guardians
34 of such children and must make the handbook available at all
35 public offices.

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1 The handbook must describe how to access the educational
2 options and must include contact information for department
3 personnel assigned to administer the educational options
4 described in the handbook.