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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the accreditation of nonpublic schools by
2 independent accrediting agencies approved by the state board
3 of education.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 16, paragraph d, Code
2 2016, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 EXPLANATION

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

6 This bill eliminates the July 1, 2020, repeal of a provision
7 that allows a nonpublic school to be accredited by an
8 independent accrediting agency that has been approved by the
9 state board of education.

10 The retained provision requires the state board to maintain
11 on its internet site a list of approved independent accrediting
12 agencies comprised of at least six regional or national
13 nonprofit, nongovernmental agencies recognized as reliable
14 authorities concerning the quality of education offered by
15 a school. A nonpublic school that participates in such an
16 agency's accreditation process shall be deemed to meet the
17 state's education standards.