

Senate File 239 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 239
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1017)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to disciplinary actions taken against a
2 licensed school employee required to be reported to the
3 board of educational examiners.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.15, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2017, is amended by adding the following
3 new subparagraph division:

4 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (d) Being on school premises
5 or at a school-sponsored activity involving students while
6 under the influence of, possessing, using, or consuming illegal
7 drugs, prescription drugs as defined in section 155A.3 that are
8 not prescribed for the licensed school employee's own use, or
9 alcohol. The mere possession of prescription drugs prescribed
10 for a member of the licensed school employee's household does
11 not constitute reportable conduct under this paragraph "a".

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill adds to the list of disciplinary actions taken
16 against a licensed school employee that are required under
17 Code section 272.15 to be reported to the board of educational
18 examiners.

19 Currently, the boards of directors of school districts
20 and area education agencies, the superintendent of a school
21 district, the chief administrator of an area education agency,
22 and the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school
23 must report to the board of educational examiners any instance
24 of disciplinary action taken against a licensed school employee
25 by such boards, administrators, and authorities, for certain
26 conduct specified in the Code section. The bill adds to the
27 list being on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity
28 involving students while under the influence of, possessing,
29 using, or consuming illegal drugs, prescription drugs that are
30 not prescribed for the employee's own use, or alcohol. The
31 mere possession of drugs prescribed for a household member,
32 however, does not constitute reportable conduct.