

Senate File 443 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 443
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1114)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to children's residential facility
2 certification requirements and care furnished by bona
3 fide religious institutions, and including effective date
4 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 282.34, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Subsection 1, paragraph "a", relating
4 to the provision of an educational program and appropriate
5 education services, shall not apply to a children's residential
6 facility operated by a bona fide religious institution if the
7 facility was in operation prior to the effective date of this
8 Act.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
10 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill exempts certain bona fide religious institutions
15 operating children's residential facilities from a requirement
16 that such facilities provide an educational program and
17 appropriate education services to children residing in the
18 facility by contracting with the school district in which the
19 facility is located, or with an accredited nonpublic school, or
20 becoming accredited as a nonpublic school.

21 The exemption applies to a children's residential facility
22 operated by a bona fide religious institution only if the
23 facility was in operation prior to the effective date of the
24 bill.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.