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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to independent private instruction reporting
2 and notice of intent requirements.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299A.1, subsection 2, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (6), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 (6) Provides, ~~upon written request from~~ by September 1,
4 annually, to the superintendent of the school district in which
5 the independent private instruction is provided, ~~or from the~~
6 ~~director of the department of education,~~ a report identifying
7 the primary instructor, location, name of the authority
8 responsible for the independent private instruction, and the
9 names of the students enrolled. In addition, by September
10 1, annually, the child, and the parent, guardian, or legal
11 custodian who intends to place the child under independent
12 private instruction for the school year, shall meet in person
13 with the superintendent of the school district in which the
14 child resides to provide notice of such intent.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill makes a voluntary reporting requirement relating
19 to independent private instruction mandatory, and establishes a
20 notice requirement for the parent, guardian, or legal custodian
21 of a child who places the child under independent private
22 instruction.

23 Currently, the authority responsible for independent private
24 instruction must submit a report relating to the instructors,
25 instruction, and the children placed, to the superintendent
26 of the school district in which the independent private
27 instruction is provided or to the director of the department of
28 education upon receiving a written request. The bill requires
29 that the report be provided to the superintendent by September
30 1, annually, and eliminates reference to the director.

31 The bill also requires the child, and the parent, guardian,
32 or legal custodian who intends to place the child under
33 independent private instruction for the school year, to meet in
34 person with the superintendent of the school district in which
35 the child resides to provide notice of such intent by September

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1 1, annually.