

**House Study Bill 518 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON HITE)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to a teacher's filing of a written resignation  
2 with the board of directors of a school district.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.13, subsection 2, Code 2022, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The contract shall remain in force and effect for  
4 the period stated in the contract and shall be automatically  
5 continued for equivalent periods except as modified or  
6 terminated by mutual agreement of the board of directors and  
7 the teacher or as modified or terminated in accordance with  
8 the provisions specified in this chapter. A contract shall  
9 not be offered by the employing board to a teacher under its  
10 jurisdiction prior to March 15 of any year.

11 b. A teacher who has not accepted a contract for the  
12 ensuing school year tendered by the employing board may resign  
13 effective at the end of the current school year by filing a  
14 written resignation with the secretary of the board. ~~The~~  
15 ~~resignation must be filed not later than the last day of the~~  
16 ~~current school year or the date specified by the employing~~  
17 ~~board for return of the contract, whichever date occurs first.~~  
18 ~~However, a teacher shall not be required to return a contract~~  
19 ~~to the board or to resign less than twenty-one days after the~~  
20 ~~contract has been offered~~ The teacher shall file the written  
21 resignation on or before the later of the following:

22 (1) The date specified by the employing board.

23 (2) June 30 of the current school year.

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 relates to a teacher's filing of a written  
28 resignation with the board of directors of a school district.

29 Under current law, a teacher who has not accepted a contract  
30 for the ensuing school year may resign effective at the end of  
31 the current school year by filing a written resignation with  
32 the secretary of the employing board not later than the last  
33 day of the current school year or the date specified by the  
34 employing board, whichever date occurs first. Current law  
35 also provides that a teacher shall not be required to return a

1 contract to the employing board or to resign less than 21 days  
2 after the contract has been offered.

3 The bill requires that the teacher file the written  
4 resignation on or before the date specified by the employing  
5 board or June 30 of the current school year. The bill strikes  
6 the provision that provides that a teacher shall not be  
7 required to return a contract to the employing board or to  
8 resign less than 21 days after the contract has been offered.