

Senate File 265 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 265
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 90)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to temporary parental discretion for the
2 retention of a student at grade level.

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

1 Section 1. STUDENT GRADE LEVEL PROMOTION DURING THE
2 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

3 1. For the school year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
4 June 30, 2022, due to the disruptions experienced by school
5 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, parents, and students
6 during the 2020-2021 school year, if a parent submits to the
7 administrator of the school, prior to August 15, 2021, a
8 written request that the parent's child be retained at the
9 grade level in which the child was enrolled during the school
10 year beginning July 1, 2020, because the child did not make
11 adequate progress for promotion to the next grade level, the
12 board of directors of a school district or the authorities
13 in charge of an accredited nonpublic school, as appropriate,
14 shall not promote the student to the next grade level but shall
15 retain the student at the 2020-2021 grade level for the school
16 year beginning July 1, 2021.

17 2. For purposes of this section, "parent" means a parent,
18 guardian, or legal custodian of a child of compulsory
19 attendance age.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill allows a parent, due to the disruptions
24 experienced by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools,
25 parents, and students during the 2020-2021 school year,
26 to submit to the administrator of the public or accredited
27 nonpublic school of enrollment, prior to August 15, 2021, a
28 written request that the parent's child be retained at the
29 grade level in which the child was enrolled during the school
30 year beginning July 1, 2020, if the child did not make adequate
31 progress for promotion to the next grade level, and the school
32 shall not promote the student to the next grade level for the
33 school year beginning July 1, 2021.

34 The bill defines "parent" to include a parent, guardian, or
35 legal custodian of a child of compulsory attendance age.