

Senate Study Bill 1213 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to violations of the educational laws of
2 Iowa by providing for grounds for professional misconduct
3 and removal from office, and including effective date and
4 retroactive applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 66.1A, Code 2021, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. For members of the board of directors of
4 a school corporation, for knowingly and intentionally violating
5 a provision of Title VII, subtitle 1, 2, 5, or 6, or other
6 provision of Iowa law governing the operation of the school
7 corporation.

8 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b, Code
9 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

10 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) For school years beginning
11 on or after July 1, 2021, for a complaint filed with the
12 board of educational examiners against a practitioner who
13 is a superintendent, if the superintendent knowingly and
14 intentionally violates a provision of Title VII, subtitle 1, 2,
15 5, or 6, or other provision of Iowa law governing the operation
16 of the school corporation.

17 Sec. 3. VIOLATIONS OF INSTRUCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS — BOARD
18 OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS. For the school year beginning
19 July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, if a school district
20 provides instruction in violation of 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate
21 File 160, without an approved waiver from the governor,
22 or provides instruction primarily through remote-learning
23 opportunities without an approved waiver from the department
24 of education for such method of instruction in accordance with
25 the requirements of 2020 Iowa Acts, chapter 1107; section
26 279.10; the governor's proclamation of a public health disaster
27 emergency issued July 17, 2020; and subsequent applicable
28 proclamations of a public health disaster emergency issued
29 by the governor pursuant to section 29C.6 and related to
30 COVID-19, such a violation shall constitute grounds for the
31 board of educational examiners to suspend or revoke the license
32 of a practitioner who is a superintendent for purposes of a
33 complaint filed under chapter 272.

34 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
35 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 examiners to adopt rules governing the licensure of
2 practitioners, including school administrators, teachers, and
3 other licensed professionals. The board's rules must include
4 rules requiring the board to disqualify an applicant for a
5 license or to revoke the license of a person for a list of
6 specified reasons. The bill adds to the list of specified
7 reasons, for a complaint filed against a practitioner who
8 is a superintendent, if the superintendent knowingly and
9 intentionally violates a provision of Code Title VII, subtitle
10 1, 2, 5, or 6, or other provision of Iowa law governing the
11 operation of the school corporation.

12 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies certain
13 provisions retroactively to July 1, 2020.