

**House File 2342 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for rehabilitation services for public school  
2 students relating to use of tobacco, alcohol, and controlled  
3 substances.

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

1 Section 1. Section 279.9, Code 2024, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **279.9 Use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or controlled**  
4 **substances.**

5 1. The rules adopted under **section 279.8** shall include  
6 rules prohibiting the use of tobacco and the use or possession  
7 of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer or any controlled substance  
8 as defined in **section 124.101, subsection 5**, by any student of  
9 the schools. The board may suspend or expel a student for a  
10 violation of a rule described under **this section** or require the  
11 student to participate in a rehabilitation program designated  
12 by the board.

13 2. The department of health and human services, in  
14 consultation with the department of education, shall  
15 establish and maintain a list of organizations that administer  
16 rehabilitation programs suitable for participation by students  
17 under this section. The department of health and human  
18 services shall make the list available to the department  
19 of education, which shall disseminate the list to school  
20 districts.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 Under current law, a school board may suspend or expel a  
25 student for a violation of a school board rule prohibiting the  
26 use of tobacco and the use or possession of alcoholic liquor,  
27 wine, or beer or any controlled substance by any student. This  
28 bill provides that as an additional option, a school board may  
29 require the student to participate in a rehabilitation program  
30 designated by the board.

31 The bill requires the department of health and human  
32 services, in consultation with the department of education, to  
33 establish and maintain a list of organizations that administer  
34 rehabilitation programs suitable for participation by students  
35 for this purpose. The department of health and human services

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1 shall make the list available to the department of education,  
2 which shall disseminate the list to school districts.