

House File 615 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 391)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to private instruction, including the issuance
2 of diplomas or credentials to students who complete private
3 instruction and the authority of parents, guardians, and
4 legal custodians to execute documents to verify student
5 information.

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

1 and legal custodians to execute documents to verify student
2 information.

3 The bill provides that a diploma or credential issued by
4 a person who administers a program of secondary education
5 under competent private instruction or independent private
6 instruction pursuant to Code chapter 299A (private instruction)
7 shall be deemed sufficient to demonstrate that the recipient
8 has completed the program of secondary education and has
9 attained the equivalent of a high school diploma.

10 The bill prohibits the state, a political subdivision of
11 the state, institutions of higher education under the control
12 of the state board of regents, or an accredited private
13 institution from discriminating against any individual based
14 on the source of the individual's diploma or credential and
15 shall treat a diploma or credential awarded for completion
16 of a program of secondary education under competent private
17 instruction or independent private instruction the same as a
18 high school diploma awarded by a school district or accredited
19 nonpublic school.

20 The bill provides that the parent, guardian, or legal
21 custodian of a child of compulsory attendance age shall
22 have the authority to execute any document required by law
23 to verify the placement of a child under competent private
24 instruction or independent private instruction, the child's
25 full-time or part-time status in competent private instruction
26 or independent private instruction, the grades the child has
27 obtained in competent private instruction or independent
28 private instruction, or any other required educational
29 information.