

Senate File 179 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring boards of directors of school districts,
2 governing boards of charter schools, and authorities in
3 charge of accredited nonpublic schools to adopt policies
4 related to excusing student absences for 4-H club or future
5 farmers of America activities.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2023, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Oj.* Be subject to and comply with the
4 requirements of section 299.1, subsection 3, relating to
5 absences from school because of involvement in an activity
6 or project sponsored by a 4-H club or the future farmers of
7 America in the same manner as a school district.

8 Sec. 2. Section 299.1, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The board of directors of each public
11 school district and the governing body of each accredited
12 nonpublic school shall adopt a policy that requires the school
13 district or the accredited nonpublic school to grant a student
14 an excused absence when the student is absent from school
15 because of the student's involvement in an activity or project
16 sponsored by a 4-H club or the future farmers of America. The
17 policy shall also require the school district or accredited
18 nonpublic school to allow a student who is absent from school
19 because of the student's involvement in an activity or project
20 sponsored by a 4-H club or the future farmers of America to
21 make up any classwork the student was not able to complete as a
22 result of the absence.

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EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill requires boards of directors of school districts,
27 governing boards of charter schools, and authorities in charge
28 of accredited nonpublic schools to adopt policies related to
29 excusing student absences for 4-H club or future farmers of
30 America activities.

31 The bill requires the board of directors of each school
32 district, the governing board of a charter school, and the
33 authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school to
34 adopt a policy that requires the school to grant a student
35 an excused absence when the student is absent from school

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1 because of the student's involvement in an activity or project
2 sponsored by a 4-H club or the future farmers of America. The
3 bill also requires that the policy allow a student who is
4 absent from school because of the student's involvement in
5 an activity or project sponsored by a 4-H club or the future
6 farmers of America to make up any classwork the student was not
7 able to complete as a result of the absence.