

Senate File 2119 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver's license privileges for students who
2 are truant.

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

1 Section 1. Section 299.1B, Code 2024, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **299.1B Failure to attend — driver’s license.**

4 1. A person who is of compulsory attendance age who does
5 not meet the requirements for an exception under section
6 299.2, who does not attend a public school or an accredited
7 nonpublic school, who is not receiving competent private
8 instruction or independent private instruction in accordance
9 with the provisions of **chapter 299A**, and who does not attend
10 an alternative school or adult education classes, shall not
11 receive an intermediate or full driver’s license until age
12 eighteen.

13 2. A person of compulsory attendance age who is deemed
14 to be a truant as described in section 299.8 for ten percent
15 or more of the days in a semester or term of a school year
16 or instruction year shall not receive an intermediate or
17 full driver’s license until age eighteen. If the person has
18 already received an intermediate or full driver’s license, the
19 department of transportation shall suspend the license until
20 the person is age eighteen. The board of directors of a public
21 school district, the authorities in charge of an accredited
22 nonpublic school, or any other person providing instruction
23 to a person as described in subsection 1 who is truant to the
24 extent described in this subsection shall promptly report
25 the person to the department of transportation in a manner
26 prescribed by the department.

27 Sec. 2. Section 321.213B, Code 2024, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 **321.213B Suspension for failure to attend.**

30 The department shall establish procedures by rule for
31 suspending the license of a juvenile who has been issued a
32 driver’s license and is not in compliance with the requirements
33 of **section 299.1B**, declining to issue a license to such a
34 juvenile, or, if applicable, issuing the juvenile a restricted
35 license under **section 321.178**.

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EXPLANATION

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

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4 This bill provides that a person of compulsory attendance
5 age who is deemed to be a truant for 10 percent or more of the
6 days in a semester or term of a school year or instruction
7 year shall not receive an intermediate or full driver's
8 license until age 18. If the person has already received an
9 intermediate or full driver's license, the bill requires the
10 department of transportation to suspend the license until
11 the person is age 18. The school board, the authorities in
12 charge of an accredited nonpublic school, or any other person
13 providing instruction to a person who is truant to the extent
14 described in the bill shall promptly report the person to the
15 department of transportation.