

Senate Study Bill 3068 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of the statewide
2 summative assessment of student progress to students of
3 online schools by school districts, accredited nonpublic
4 schools, and charter schools.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2024, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 ~~For the school year beginning July 1, 2018, and each~~
5 ~~succeeding school year, the~~ The rules shall also require all
6 of the following:

7 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b,
8 subparagraph (2), Code 2024, is amended by adding the following
9 new subparagraph division:

10 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (e) That any school district,
11 accredited nonpublic school, or charter school providing
12 instruction delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to
13 subsection 32 may administer any state assessment required
14 pursuant to this subsection in an online setting that is
15 similar to the student's regular academic instruction, if all
16 of the following conditions are satisfied:

17 (i) The student takes the assessment at a date and time that
18 are assigned by personnel designated by the school district,
19 accredited nonpublic school, or charter school.

20 (ii) The student participates in a synchronous assessment
21 session that is initiated and managed by personnel designated
22 by the school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter
23 school.

24 (iii) (A) The student takes the assessment using a device
25 and an assessment platform that allow an assessment proctor to
26 monitor the student for the duration of the assessment through
27 a video feed that allows the assessment proctor to view the
28 student taking the assessment and the student's background.

29 (B) If the device or assessment platform does not allow
30 an assessment proctor to monitor the student for the duration
31 of the assessment through a video feed in accordance with
32 subparagraph part (A), the requirements of this subparagraph
33 subdivision shall be satisfied if an assessment proctor is able
34 to, through the use of a second device, monitor the student
35 for the duration of the assessment through a video feed that

1 allows the assessment proctor to view the student taking the
2 assessment and the student's background.

3 (iv) The school district, accredited nonpublic school,
4 or charter school maintains a ratio of students taking the
5 assessment to assessment proctors of not greater than ten to
6 one.

7 (v) The student does not exit the assessment session until
8 instructed to do so by the assessment proctor.

9 (vi) An assessment administrator verifies student
10 submission of the assessment.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to the administration of the statewide
15 summative assessment of student progress to students of online
16 schools by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and
17 charter schools.

18 The bill provides that any school district, accredited
19 nonpublic school, or charter school providing instruction
20 delivered primarily over the internet may administer any state
21 summative assessment in an online setting that is similar to
22 the student's regular academic instruction, if the following
23 conditions are satisfied: the student takes the assessment
24 at a date and time that are assigned by personnel designated
25 by the school, the student participates in a synchronous
26 assessment session that is initiated and managed by personnel
27 designated by the school, an assessment proctor is able to
28 monitor the student for the duration of the assessment through
29 a video feed, the ratio of students taking the assessment
30 to assessment proctors is not greater than 10 to 1, and
31 an assessment administrator verifies student submission of
32 the assessment. Pursuant to Code section 256.7(21)(b)(2),
33 the state board of education is required to adopt rules to
34 implement the bill's provisions.