

House File 120 - Introduced

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BY HORA

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing school districts and accredited nonpublic
2 schools to apply to the department of education for
3 authorization to maintain a year-round school calendar at an
4 attendance center or school for students enrolled in grades
5 nine through twelve.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
2 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 The board of directors of a school district and the
4 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school may apply
5 to the department of education for authorization to maintain a
6 year-round school calendar at an attendance center or school for
7 students in prekindergarten through grade ~~eight~~ twelve. However,
8 a board shall hold a public hearing on any proposal relating
9 to authorization for a year-round school calendar prior to
10 submitting an application under this subsection to the department
11 of education for approval.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill authorizes school districts and accredited nonpublic
16 schools to apply to the department of education for authorization
17 to maintain a year-round school calendar at an attendance center
18 or school for students enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Current
19 law allows school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to
20 apply to maintain a year-round calendar at an attendance center
21 or school for students enrolled in prekindergarten through grade
22 eight. Initial applications for a year-round school calendar
23 must be submitted to the department of education not later than
24 November 1 of the preceding school year.