

House File 121 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to student resources for the submission of
2 applications for home and community-based services waivers
3 by the parents or guardians of students enrolled in school
4 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, or
5 innovation zone schools.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 69. Develop and distribute to school
4 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools,
5 innovation zone schools, and area education agencies resources
6 that will allow employees of the school district, accredited
7 nonpublic school, charter school, innovation zone school, or
8 area education agency to furnish testing services to students to
9 assist the parents or guardians of such students in submitting an
10 application for home and community-based services waivers to the
11 department of health and human services.

12 Sec. 2. Section 273.2, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. The area education agency may furnish
15 testing services to pupils enrolled in public or nonpublic
16 schools which are on the list of accredited schools pursuant
17 to section 256.11, which request to receive such services, to
18 assist the parents or guardians of such pupils in submitting an
19 application for home and community-based services waivers to the
20 department of health and human services.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to student resources for the submission of
25 applications for home and community-based services waivers by the
26 parents or guardians of students enrolled in school districts,
27 accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, or innovation zone
28 schools.

29 Home and community-based services waivers are Medicaid
30 programs in which the federal government has set aside rules
31 in order to help people stay in their own homes or communities
32 while receiving services rather than receiving such services
33 in an institutional setting. The bill requires the director
34 of the department of education to develop and distribute to
35 school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools,

1 innovation zone schools, and area education agencies resources
2 that will allow employees to furnish testing services to students
3 to assist the parents or guardians of such students in submitting
4 an application for home and community-based services waivers to
5 the department of health and human services. The bill authorizes
6 area education agencies to furnish such testing services.

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