

House File 898 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 2)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying school attendance requirements related to
2 children who are undergoing military entrance processing or
3 who are engaged in military service.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 299.2, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Who is a military applicant undergoing
4 military entrance processing.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Who is engaged in military service.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill modifies school attendance requirements related to
10 children who are undergoing military entrance processing or who
11 are engaged in military service.

12 Current law requires the parent, guardian, or legal or actual
13 custodian of a child who is of compulsory attendance age to cause
14 the child to attend public school or an accredited nonpublic
15 school, or place the child under competent private instruction
16 or independent private instruction, during a school year. Under
17 current law, this requirement does not apply to any child who
18 has completed the requirements for graduation in an accredited
19 school or has obtained a high school equivalency diploma, who
20 is excused for sufficient reason by any court of record or
21 judge, who is attending religious services or receiving religious
22 instructions, who is attending a private college preparatory
23 school, who has been excused under Code section 299.22 (when
24 deaf or hard-of-hearing and blind children excused), or who is
25 exempted under Code section 299.24 (religious groups exempted
26 from school standards). The bill adds additional exemptions for
27 children who are undergoing military entrance processing or who
28 are engaged in military service.