

House File 900 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 68)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to open enrollment policies
2 and English-language learners.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Every school district shall adopt a policy which defines
4 the term "*insufficient classroom space*" for that district.
5 The definition shall include standards related to the school
6 district's capacity to provide instruction to English learners,
7 as defined in section 280.4.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill modifies provisions related to open enrollment
12 policies and English-language learners. Current law requires
13 receiving school districts to approve applications for open
14 enrollment that are submitted in a timely manner unless the
15 receiving school district has insufficient classroom space.
16 Current law also requires each school district to adopt a policy
17 that defines insufficient classroom space for purposes of open
18 enrollment. The bill requires the definition of insufficient
19 classroom space adopted by the school district to include
20 standards related to the school district's capacity to provide
21 instruction to English learners. Under current law, "English
22 learner" means a student whose language background is in a
23 language other than English, and the student's proficiency in
24 English is such that the probability of the student's academic
25 success in an English-only classroom is below that of an
26 academically successful peer with an English language background.