

House Study Bill 105 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to charter schools, including by modifying
2 provisions related to charter school board member
3 requirements and charter school student participation in the
4 district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment
5 program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 11, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 11. A majority of the membership of each charter school's
4 governing board shall be residents of the geographic area served
5 by the charter school. ~~Each member of the governing board who
6 is not a resident of the geographic area served by the charter
7 school must be a resident of this state.~~

8 Sec. 2. Section 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2025,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 a. (1) Students from accredited nonpublic schools, and
11 students receiving competent private instruction or independent
12 private instruction under chapter 299A, students from charter
13 schools established pursuant to chapter 256E, and students
14 from charter schools or innovation zone schools established
15 pursuant to chapter 256F may access the program through the
16 school district in which the accredited nonpublic school, ~~or~~
17 private institution, charter school, or innovation zone school is
18 located.

19 (2) Students from charter schools established pursuant to
20 chapter 256E, and students from charter schools or innovation
21 zone schools established pursuant to chapter 256F, that provide
22 educational instruction and course content that is delivered
23 entirely over the internet may access the program through the
24 students' school district of residence.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill relates to charter schools, including by
29 modifying provisions related to charter school board member
30 requirements and charter school student participation in the
31 district-to-community college sharing or concurrent enrollment
32 program.

33 Current law requires each member of the governing board of
34 a charter school established pursuant to Code chapter 256E who
35 is not a resident of the geographic area served by the charter

1 school to be a resident of this state. The bill strikes this
2 provision.

3 The bill allows students from charter schools established
4 pursuant to Code chapter 256E and students from charter schools
5 or innovation zone schools established pursuant to Code chapter
6 256F to access the district-to-community college sharing or
7 concurrent enrollment program through the school district in
8 which the charter school or innovation zone school is located.
9 The bill also allows students from online charter schools
10 or innovation zone schools to access the program through the
11 students' school district of residence.

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