

Senate File 2008 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing requirements related to nonpublic schools
2 that receive tuition payments from parents or guardians whose
3 students are participating in the education savings account
4 program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.11B, subsection 1, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) "Qualified educational expenses" includes tuition and
4 fees at a nonpublic school that is in compliance with subsection
5 12, textbooks, fees or payments for educational therapies,
6 including tutoring or cognitive skills training, curriculum fees,
7 software, and materials for a course of study for a specific
8 subject matter or grade level, tuition or fees for nonpublic
9 online education programs, tuition for vocational and life skills
10 education approved by the department of education, education
11 materials and services for pupils with disabilities from an
12 accredited provider, including the cost of paraprofessionals
13 and assistants who are trained in accordance with state law,
14 standardized test fees, and advanced placement examinations or
15 examinations related to postsecondary education admission or
16 credentialing.

17 Sec. 2. Section 257.11B, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
18 following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. A nonpublic school shall not receive
20 tuition payments from parents or guardians whose students are
21 participating in the education savings account program unless the
22 nonpublic school satisfies all of the following requirements:

23 a. The governing body of the nonpublic school must adhere to
24 the accountability and transparency requirements applicable to
25 the boards of directors of school districts in the same manner
26 as the boards of directors of school districts.

27 b. The nonpublic school must adhere to the data reporting
28 requirements applicable to school districts in the same manner as
29 a school district.

30 c. The nonpublic school must adhere to the auditing
31 requirements applicable to school districts in the same manner as
32 a school district.

33 **EXPLANATION**

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

1 This bill establishes requirements related to nonpublic
2 schools that receive tuition payments from parents or guardians
3 whose students are participating in the education savings account
4 program. Current Code section 257.11B establishes the education
5 savings account program, which allows for payments to be made to
6 parents and guardians for the payment of qualified educational
7 expenses. Current law defines "qualified educational expenses"
8 to include tuition and fees at a nonpublic school. The bill
9 modifies the definition of "qualified educational expenses" for
10 purposes of the education savings account program to provide
11 that the nonpublic school must adhere to all of the following:
12 the accountability and transparency requirements applicable to
13 the boards of directors of school districts, the data reporting
14 requirements applicable to school districts, and the auditing
15 requirements applicable to school districts.