

Senate File 217 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to surveys administered to students or school
- 2 employees.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, paragraph o, Code
2 2025, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
4 by adding the following new paragraph:

5 NEW PARAGRAPH. *ot.* Be subject to and comply with the
6 requirements of section 280.36 relating to the administration of
7 the Iowa youth survey in the same manner as a school district.

8 Sec. 3. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, paragraph m, Code 2025,
9 is amended by striking the paragraph.

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11 by adding the following new paragraph:

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13 requirements of section 280.36 relating to the administration of
14 the Iowa youth survey in the same manner as a school district.

15 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **280.36 Iowa youth survey.**

16 The board of directors of each school district and the
17 authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school shall
18 do all of the following:

19 1. Assist the department of health and human services in
20 the administration of the Iowa youth survey described in section
21 135.11, subsection 24.

22 2. Report the results of the administration of the Iowa youth
23 survey to the department of education and the department of
24 health and human services. The report shall not contain any
25 personally identifiable information related to any student.

26 Sec. 6. **REPEAL.** Section 279.79, Code 2025, is repealed.

27 **EXPLANATION**

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

30 This bill relates to surveys administered to students or
31 school employees.

32 The bill requires school districts, accredited nonpublic
33 schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to assist
34 the department of health and human services in the administration
35 of the Iowa youth survey, which is administered every two years

1 to students enrolled in grades 6, 8, and 11, and contains
2 questions related to student health behaviors and experiences.
3 Schools are required to report the results of the Iowa youth
4 survey to the department of education and the department of
5 health and human services.

6 Current Code section 279.79 provides that school districts
7 must receive the prior written consent of a student's parent or
8 guardian before requiring a student to take part in any survey,
9 analysis, activity, or evaluation that reveals information
10 concerning certain specified subjects. Current Code section
11 279.79 also prohibits an employee of a school district, or a
12 contractor engaged by a school district, from answering any
13 question pertaining to any particular student enrolled in the
14 school district in any survey related to the social or emotional
15 abilities, competencies, or characteristics of the student,
16 unless the board of directors of the school district satisfies
17 certain specified requirements. Charter schools and innovation
18 zone schools are required to comply with the provisions of Code
19 section 279.79. The bill repeals Code section 279.79 and strikes
20 provisions requiring charter schools and innovation zone schools
21 to comply with the provisions of Code section 279.79.