

Senate File 2424 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2095)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vaccination exemptions for certain students
2 in clinical rotations and the qualification of postsecondary
3 schools as eligible institutions for Iowa tuition grants, and
4 providing civil penalties.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **139A.8C Vaccination requirements —**
2 **clinical rotations.**

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 a. "*Accredited private institution*" means the same as defined
6 in section 256.183.

7 b. "*Clinical rotation*" means a period of training completed
8 for academic credit by a student in a medical, nursing, or other
9 health care-related degree that is supervised by a health care
10 professional in a facility. For the purposes of this paragraph,
11 "*facility*" means the same as defined in section 514J.102.

12 c. "*Postsecondary school*" means the same as defined in
13 section 139A.8B.

14 2. a. A postsecondary school offering a degree program
15 requiring a clinical rotation shall, upon request of a student
16 enrolled in the degree program, identify a clinical rotation
17 placement where the student will be permitted an exemption from
18 any vaccination requirements imposed by the placement location
19 during the duration of the student's clinical rotation.

20 b. (1) A student enrolled in a degree program requiring a
21 clinical rotation may report a postsecondary school's alleged
22 violation of paragraph "a" to the attorney general. The attorney
23 general shall provide notice of such report to the department and
24 the postsecondary school within fifteen calendar days of the date
25 of receipt of the report. No later than thirty calendar days
26 after the date of receipt of the report, the postsecondary school
27 shall do one of the following:

28 (a) Correct the violation and provide documentation of the
29 correction to the attorney general and the department.

30 (b) Provide documentation to the attorney general and the
31 department demonstrating that the alleged violation by the
32 postsecondary school upon which the report was based was not a
33 violation of paragraph "a".

34 c. (1) If an accredited private institution is found by
35 the attorney general to be in violation of paragraph "a", or

1 paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a) or
2 (b), on or before September 30 of each calendar year, the
3 accredited private institution shall not qualify as an eligible
4 institution for the purposes of Iowa tuition grants under chapter
5 256, subchapter VII, part 4, subpart B, for the immediately
6 succeeding academic year. The attorney general shall notify
7 the college student aid commission of the accredited private
8 institution's disqualification.

9 (2) If an accredited private institution is found by the
10 attorney general to be in compliance with the requirements under
11 paragraph "a", or paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), subparagraph
12 divisions (a) or (b), on or before September 30 of each calendar
13 year, the institution shall qualify as an eligible institution
14 for Iowa tuition grants under chapter 256, subchapter VII, part
15 4, subpart B, for the immediately succeeding academic year. The
16 attorney general shall notify the college student aid commission
17 that the institution qualifies as an eligible institution.

18 d. A postsecondary school found by the attorney general to
19 be in violation of paragraph "a", or paragraph "b", subparagraph
20 (1), subparagraph division (a) or (b), on or before September 30
21 of each calendar year, shall be subject to a civil penalty of
22 five thousand dollars. The civil penalty shall be collected by
23 the attorney general and deposited into the general fund of the
24 state.

25 Sec. 2. Section 256.183, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 3. "*Eligible institution*" means an institution of higher
28 learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and not
29 controlled or administered by any state agency or any subdivision
30 of the state, which is not exempt from taxation under section
31 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which meets all of
32 the criteria in subsection 1, paragraphs "d" through "k", and
33 or is a school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences
34 licensed under chapter 157 and ~~is~~ accredited by a national
35 accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of

1 education. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, such
2 a school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall
3 provide a matching aggregate amount of institutional financial
4 aid equal to at least seventy-five percent of the amount received
5 by the institution's students for Iowa tuition grant assistance
6 under section 256.191. For the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2018, the school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences
8 shall provide a matching aggregate amount of institutional
9 financial aid equal to at least eighty-five percent of the amount
10 received in that fiscal year. Commencing with the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2019, and each succeeding fiscal year, the
12 matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid shall
13 be at least equal to the match provided by eligible institutions
14 under section 261.9, subsection 3, paragraph "a", Code 2023.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill relates to vaccination exemptions for certain
19 students in clinical rotations and the qualification for
20 postsecondary schools as eligible institutions for Iowa tuition
21 grants.

22 The bill defines "clinical rotation" (rotation) as a period of
23 training completed for academic credit by a student in a medical,
24 nursing, or other health care-related degree that is supervised
25 by a health care professional in a facility. The bill also
26 defines "postsecondary school" and "facility".

27 The bill requires a postsecondary school offering a degree
28 program requiring a rotation to, upon request of a student
29 enrolled in the degree program, identify a rotation placement
30 where the student will be exempt from any vaccination
31 requirements imposed by the placement during the duration of the
32 rotation. Under the bill, a postsecondary school that fails to
33 comply does not qualify as an eligible institution for purposes
34 of Iowa tuition grants. The bill amends the definition of
35 eligible institution under Code section 256.183.

1 The bill provides for student reporting of violations under
2 the bill, and a postsecondary school must respond to the reported
3 violation by taking corrective action or providing specific
4 documentation to the attorney general.

5 If an accredited private institution, as defined in the bill,
6 violates the requirements of the bill or fails to respond to
7 a reported violation before September 30, the school will not
8 qualify as an eligible institution for Iowa tuition grants
9 and the attorney general is required to notify the college
10 student aid commission of the school's qualification status. A
11 postsecondary school that violates the requirements of the bill
12 or fails to respond to a reported violation before September 30
13 is also subject to a civil penalty of \$5,000. A civil penalty
14 is collected by the attorney general and deposited into the state
15 general fund.

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