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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 2025, 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, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code  
18 2025, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. This section shall not be construed to authorize the  
20 state or any political subdivision of the state to exercise  
21 authority over any nonpublic school or construed to require a  
22 nonpublic school to modify its academic standards for admission  
23 ~~or educational program~~ in order to receive payment from a parent  
24 or guardian using funds from a pupil's account in the education  
25 savings account fund.

26 Sec. 3. Section 257.11B, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
27 following new subsection:

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

32 a. The governing body of the nonpublic school must adhere to  
33 the accountability and transparency requirements applicable to  
34 the boards of directors of school districts in the same manner  
35 as the boards of directors of school districts.



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2 program in order to receive payment from a parent or guardian  
3 using funds from a pupil's account in the education savings  
4 account fund.

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