

Senate Study Bill 1025 - Introduced

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EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of the statewide summative
2 assessment of student progress to students of online schools
3 by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter
4 schools.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2025, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 ~~For the school year beginning July 1, 2018, and each~~
5 ~~succeeding school year, the~~ The rules shall also require all of
6 the following:

7 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph b,
8 subparagraph (2), Code 2025, is amended by adding the following
9 new subparagraph division:

10 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (e) That any school district,
11 accredited nonpublic school, or charter school providing
12 instruction delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to
13 subsection 32 may administer any state assessment required
14 pursuant to this subsection in an online setting that is similar
15 to the student's regular academic instruction, if all of the
16 following conditions are satisfied:

17 (i) The student takes the assessment at a date and time that
18 are assigned by personnel designated by the school district,
19 accredited nonpublic school, or charter school.

20 (ii) The student participates in a synchronous assessment
21 session that is initiated and managed by personnel designated
22 by the school district, accredited nonpublic school, or charter
23 school.

24 (iii) (A) The student takes the assessment using a device
25 and an assessment platform that allow an assessment proctor to
26 monitor the student for the duration of the assessment through a
27 video feed that allows the assessment proctor to view the student
28 taking the assessment and the student's background.

29 (B) If the device or assessment platform does not allow an
30 assessment proctor to monitor the student for the duration of the
31 assessment through a video feed in accordance with subparagraph
32 part (A), the requirements of this subparagraph subdivision shall
33 be satisfied if an assessment proctor is able to, through the
34 use of a second device, monitor the student for the duration of
35 the assessment through a video feed that allows the assessment

1 proctor to view the student taking the assessment and the
2 student's background.

3 (iv) The school district, accredited nonpublic school, or
4 charter school maintains a ratio of students taking the
5 assessment to assessment proctors of not greater than ten to one.

6 (v) The student does not exit the assessment session until
7 instructed to do so by the assessment proctor.

8 (vi) An assessment administrator verifies student submission
9 of the assessment.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the administration of the statewide
14 summative assessment of student progress to students of online
15 schools by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and
16 charter schools.

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The bill provides that any school district, accredited
18 nonpublic school, or charter school providing instruction
19 delivered primarily over the internet may administer any state
20 summative assessment in an online setting that is similar to
21 the student's regular academic instruction, if the following
22 conditions are satisfied: the student takes the assessment at
23 a date and time that are assigned by personnel designated by
24 the school, the student participates in a synchronous assessment
25 session that is initiated and managed by personnel designated by
26 the school, an assessment proctor is able to monitor the student
27 for the duration of the assessment through a video feed, the
28 ratio of students taking the assessment to assessment proctors
29 is not greater than 10 to 1, and an assessment administrator
30 verifies student submission of the assessment. Pursuant to Code
31 section 256.7(21)(b)(2), the state board of education is required
32 to adopt rules to implement the bill's provisions.