

Senate Study Bill 3041 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring boards of directors of school districts,
2 governing boards of charter schools, and authorities in charge
3 of accredited nonpublic schools to adopt policies related to
4 excusing student absences for 4-H club or FFA activities.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0w. Be subject to and comply with the
4 requirements of section 299.1, subsection 5, relating to absences
5 from school because of involvement in an activity or project
6 sponsored by a 4-H club or the FFA in the same manner as a school
7 district.

8 Sec. 2. Section 299.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The board of directors of each public
11 school district and the governing body of each accredited
12 nonpublic school shall adopt a policy that requires the school
13 district or the accredited nonpublic school to grant a student an
14 excused absence when the student is absent from school because of
15 the student's involvement in an activity or project sponsored by
16 a 4-H club or the FFA. The policy shall also require the school
17 district or accredited nonpublic school to allow a student who
18 is absent from school because of the student's involvement in an
19 activity or project sponsored by a 4-H club or the FFA to make up
20 any classwork the student was not able to complete as a result of
21 the absence.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill requires boards of directors of school districts,
26 governing boards of charter schools, and authorities in charge
27 of accredited nonpublic schools to adopt policies related to
28 excusing student absences for 4-H club or FFA activities.

29 The bill requires the board of directors of each school
30 district, the governing board of a charter school, and the
31 authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school to
32 adopt a policy that requires the school to grant a student an
33 excused absence when the student is absent from school because
34 of the student's involvement in an activity or project sponsored
35 by a 4-H club or the FFA. The bill also requires that the

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1 policy allow a student who is absent from school because of the
2 student's involvement in an activity or project sponsored by a
3 4-H club or the FFA to make up any classwork the student was not
4 able to complete as a result of the absence.

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