

**House File 2754 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2713)

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 735)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to education, including by modifying provisions  
2 related to charter schools, the Iowa public employees'  
3 retirement system, financing programs for charter schools  
4 administered by the Iowa finance authority, the statewide  
5 voluntary preschool program for four-year-old children,  
6 education savings accounts, independent accrediting  
7 agencies, teacher training and licensure, and private  
8 instruction, and making appropriations, and including  
9 effective date and applicability provisions.  
10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

Section 1. Section 256E.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

a. The charter school in which the student is enrolled shall receive under paragraph "c" an amount equal to the sum of the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year plus the teacher leadership supplement state cost per pupil, the teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil, the professional development supplement state cost per pupil, and the early intervention supplement state cost per pupil for the budget year as provided in [section 257.9](#) plus any moneys that would be due to the school district of residence for the student as a result of the non-English speaking weighting under [section 280.4](#), subsection 3, for the budget year multiplied by the state cost per pupil for the budget year. If a student is an eligible pupil under [section 261E.6](#), the charter school shall pay the tuition reimbursement amount to an eligible postsecondary institution as provided in [section 261E.7](#).

Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This division of this Act applies to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

DIVISION II

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sec. 3. Section 97B.1A, subsection 8, paragraph a, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:  
NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (13) Persons employed by a charter school established pursuant to chapter 256E that satisfies all applicable requirements under federal law for participation in the retirement system.

Sec. 4. Section 97B.1A, subsection 9, paragraph a, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

a. "Employer" means the state of Iowa, the counties, municipalities, agencies, public school districts, charter schools established pursuant to chapter 256E that satisfy all applicable requirements under federal law for participation

1 in the retirement system, all political subdivisions, and  
2 all of their departments and instrumentalities, including  
3 area agencies on aging, other than those employing persons as  
4 specified in [subsection 8](#), paragraph "b", subparagraph (7), and  
5 joint planning commissions created under [chapter 28E](#) or [28I](#).

6 Sec. 5. Section 256E.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 2. In the event of a charter school closure, the assets of  
9 the charter school shall be used first to satisfy outstanding  
10 payroll obligations for employees of the school and any  
11 liabilities due and owing to the Iowa public employees'  
12 retirement system, then to creditors of the school, then to the  
13 public school district in which the charter school operated,  
14 if applicable, and then to the state general fund. If the  
15 assets of the charter school are insufficient to pay all  
16 obligations of the charter school, the prioritization of the  
17 distribution of assets shall be consistent with [this subsection](#)  
18 and otherwise determined by the district court.

19 DIVISION III

20 EXTRACURRICULAR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONTESTS OR  
21 COMPETITIONS PROVIDED BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

22 Sec. 6. Section 280.13D, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 **280.13D Participation in extracurricular interscholastic  
25 athletic contests or competitions provided by public schools.**

26 1. a. The board of directors of a school district shall  
27 allow a student who resides within the school district, and  
28 who is enrolled in a nonpublic school or a charter school  
29 established pursuant to chapter 256E, to participate in any  
30 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition  
31 that is provided by the school district pursuant to the terms  
32 of an agreement between the board of directors of the school  
33 district and the authorities in charge of the nonpublic school  
34 or the governing board of the charter school, as applicable,  
35 that provides for the eligibility of the student, if all of the

1 following criteria are satisfied:

2 (1) The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or  
3 competition has not been provided by the nonpublic school or  
4 the charter school during the two immediately preceding school  
5 years.

6 (2) The nonpublic school or charter school has not entered  
7 into an agreement under [section 280.13A](#) with another school  
8 district, nonpublic school, or charter school that provides  
9 for the eligibility of students enrolled in the nonpublic  
10 school or charter school to participate in the extracurricular  
11 interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is being  
12 provided by that school district, nonpublic school, or charter  
13 school.

14 *b.* The board of directors of a school district shall allow  
15 a student who resides within a contiguous school district, and  
16 who is enrolled in a nonpublic school or charter school, to  
17 participate in any extracurricular interscholastic athletic  
18 contest or competition that is provided by the school district  
19 pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the board of  
20 directors of the school district and the authorities in charge  
21 of the nonpublic school or the governing board of the charter  
22 school, as applicable, that provides for the eligibility of the  
23 student, if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

24 (1) The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest  
25 or competition has not been provided by the nonpublic school  
26 or charter school or by the student's school district of  
27 residence, during the two immediately preceding school years.

28 (2) The nonpublic school has not entered into an agreement  
29 under [section 280.13A](#) with another school district, nonpublic  
30 school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility of  
31 students enrolled in the nonpublic school or charter school to  
32 participate in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic  
33 contest or competition that is being provided by that school  
34 district, nonpublic school, or charter school.

35 *c.* If the board of directors of a school district has

1 established a fee for the cost of a student's participation  
2 in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or  
3 competition, a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school  
4 or a charter school and is participating in a contest or  
5 competition at a public school pursuant to paragraph "a" or  
6 "b", or the student's parent or guardian, shall be responsible  
7 for the payment of such fee. The amount of such fee shall not  
8 exceed the amount of the fee the board of directors of the  
9 school district has established for students who are enrolled  
10 in the school district.

11 2. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school or a  
12 charter school and is participating in a contest or competition  
13 at a public school pursuant to **subsection 1**, paragraph "a" or  
14 "b", shall participate under the same conditions as a student  
15 who is enrolled in the school district, including meeting the  
16 school district's student code of conduct requirements.

17 3. A student who participates in an extracurricular  
18 interscholastic athletic contest or competition pursuant  
19 to **this section** shall be deemed to satisfy the residence  
20 requirements for purposes of **section 256.46**.

21 DIVISION IV

22 LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY STATUS

23 Sec. 7. Section 256E.5, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
24 following new subsection:

25 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The governing board of a charter school  
26 that is approved under this section shall be designated a local  
27 education agency for the purpose of receiving federal funds for  
28 all attendance centers that are under the jurisdiction of the  
29 governing board.

30 DIVISION V

31 CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

32 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. **16.163 Charter school facilities**  
33 **revolving loan program fund — credit enhancement agreements.**

34 1. a. A charter school facilities revolving loan program  
35 fund is created within the authority to assist charter schools

1 established pursuant to chapter 256E in acquiring suitable  
2 school facilities. The moneys in the charter school facilities  
3 revolving loan program fund are appropriated to the authority  
4 for use in the development and operation of a charter school  
5 facilities revolving loan program to assist charter schools in  
6 purchasing, acquiring, developing, reconstructing, remodeling,  
7 or replacing school buildings.

8     *b.* Moneys transferred by the authority for deposit  
9 in the charter school facilities revolving loan program  
10 fund, moneys appropriated to the charter school facilities  
11 revolving loan program, and any other moneys available to  
12 and obtained or accepted by the authority for placement in  
13 the charter school facilities revolving loan program fund  
14 shall be deposited in the fund. Additionally, payment of  
15 interest, recaptures of awards, and other repayments to the  
16 charter school facilities revolving loan program fund shall  
17 be deposited in the fund. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,  
18 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the charter  
19 school facilities revolving loan program fund shall be credited  
20 to the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys that remain  
21 unencumbered or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year shall  
22 not revert but shall remain available for the same purpose in  
23 the succeeding fiscal year.

24     *c.* The authority shall annually allocate moneys available in  
25 the charter school facilities revolving loan program fund to  
26 assist charter schools in purchasing, acquiring, developing,  
27 reconstructing, remodeling, or replacing school buildings.

28     2. In addition to the charter school facilities revolving  
29 loan program authorized pursuant to subsection 1, the authority  
30 is authorized to make or enter into a liquidity or credit  
31 enhancement agreement with a charter school established  
32 pursuant to chapter 256E to assist the charter school in  
33 purchasing, acquiring, developing, reconstructing, remodeling,  
34 or replacing school buildings.

35     Sec. 9. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall

1 designate section 16.163, as enacted in this Act, as a  
2 new section within chapter 16, subchapter X, part 6, and  
3 may redesignate the preexisting part and correct internal  
4 references as necessary, including references to part  
5 headnotes.

6 DIVISION VI

7 STATEWIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLD  
8 CHILDREN

9 Sec. 10. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended  
10 by adding the following new paragraph:

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. (1) A school district may enter into  
12 a chapter 28E agreement with a community-based provider to  
13 allow the community-based provider to provide high-quality  
14 instruction as part of the approved local program.

15 (2) Upon the request of a community-based provider, a  
16 school district shall enter into a chapter 28E agreement with a  
17 community-based provider to allow the community-based provider  
18 to provide high-quality instruction as part of the approved  
19 local program.

20 (3) A chapter 28E agreement entered into pursuant to this  
21 paragraph shall not limit the number of eligible students who  
22 may receive high-quality instruction from a community-based  
23 provider as part of the approved local program.

24 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 256C.7 Limitation of authority.

25 1. This chapter shall not be construed to authorize the  
26 state or any political subdivision of the state to exercise  
27 authority over any community-based provider or construed to  
28 require a community-based provider to modify its academic  
29 standards for admission or educational program in order to  
30 receive payments from a school district pursuant to section  
31 256C.4, subsection 1.

32 2. This chapter shall not be construed to expand the  
33 authority of the state or any political subdivision of the  
34 state to impose regulations upon any community-based provider  
35 that are not necessary to implement this chapter.

1 3. A community-based provider that receives payments from a  
2 school district pursuant to section 256C.4, subsection 1, is  
3 not an agent of this state or of a political subdivision of  
4 this state.

5 4. Rules adopted by the department of education to implement  
6 this chapter that impose an undue burden on a community-based  
7 provider are invalid.

8 5. A community-based provider that receives payments from  
9 a school district pursuant to section 256C.4, subsection 1,  
10 shall be given the maximum freedom possible to provide for the  
11 educational needs of the community-based provider's students,  
12 consistent with state and federal law.

13 DIVISION VII

14 EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

15 Sec. 12. Section 257.11B, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2026,  
16 are amended to read as follows:

17 3. *a.* (1) On or after January 1, but on or before June  
18 30, preceding the school year for which the education savings  
19 account payment is requested, the parent or guardian of an  
20 eligible pupil may request an education savings account payment  
21 by submitting an application to the department of education.

22 (2) On or after December 1, but on or before December 20,  
23 preceding the semester for which the education savings account  
24 payment is requested, the parent or guardian of an eligible  
25 pupil may request an education savings account payment by  
26 submitting an application to the department of education.

27 *b.* Within thirty days following submission of an  
28 application, the department of education or third-party entity  
29 shall notify the parent or guardian of each pupil approved for  
30 the following school year or semester and specify the amount of  
31 the education savings account payment for the pupil, if known  
32 at the time of the notice. As soon as practical following the  
33 processing of all applications, the department of education or  
34 third-party entity shall determine the number of pupils in each  
35 school district approved for the school budget year and provide

1 such information to the department of management.

2 *c.* Education savings account payments shall only be  
3 approved for one school year or one semester, as applicable,  
4 and applications must be submitted annually for payments in  
5 subsequent school years.

6 4. Each education savings account payment shall be equal to  
7 the regular program state cost per pupil for the same school  
8 budget year; provided, however, that an education savings  
9 account payment shall be equal to fifty percent of the regular  
10 program state cost per pupil for the same school budget year if  
11 the pupil's parent or guardian submitted an application under  
12 subsection 3, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2).

13 Sec. 13. Section 257.11B, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code  
14 2026, is amended to read as follows:

15 *a.* For each pupil approved for an education savings account  
16 payment, the department of education or third-party entity  
17 shall establish an individual account for that pupil in the  
18 education savings account fund. ~~The~~ If the pupil's parent  
19 or guardian submitted an application under subsection 3,  
20 paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), the amount of the pupil's  
21 education savings account payment shall be deposited into  
22 the pupil's individual account on July 15 or thirty days  
23 following submission of the application, whichever is later,  
24 and such amount shall be immediately available for the payment  
25 of qualified educational expenses incurred by the parent or  
26 guardian for the pupil during that fiscal year using a payment  
27 method authorized under subsection 5. If the pupil's parent or  
28 guardian submitted an application under subsection 3, paragraph  
29 "a", subparagraph (2), the amount of the pupil's education  
30 savings account payment shall be deposited into the pupil's  
31 individual account within thirty days following submission of  
32 the application, and such amount shall be immediately available  
33 for the payment of qualified educational expenses incurred by  
34 the parent or guardian for the pupil during that fiscal year  
35 using a payment method authorized under subsection 5.

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DIVISION VIII

INDEPENDENT ACCREDITING AGENCIES

Sec. 14. Section 256.11, subsection 16, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* (1) This subsection shall not be construed to authorize the state or any political subdivision of the state to exercise authority over any nonpublic school or construed to require a nonpublic school to modify its academic standards for admission or educational program.

(2) This section shall not be construed to expand the authority of the state or any political subdivision of the state to impose regulations upon any nonpublic school that are not necessary to implement this section.

(3) Rules adopted by the state board of education to implement this section that impose an undue burden on a nonpublic school are invalid.

(4) A nonpublic school shall be given the maximum freedom possible to provide for the educational needs of the school's students, consistent with state and federal law.

DIVISION IX

SCHEDULE OF TEACHER TRAININGS AND LICENSURE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED TEACHER TRAINING AND LICENSURE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS.

1. The department of education shall convene and provide administrative support to a task force that shall study the training programs in which teachers in this state are required to participate pursuant to state law and the requirements associated with renewing a teaching license.

2. Any expense incurred by a member of the task force shall be the responsibility of the individual member or the respective entity represented by the member.

3. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or before December 31, 2026. The recommendations must include specific

1 recommendations related to how to change current law to create  
2 a more manageable training program schedule and licensure  
3 renewal requirement schedule for teachers.

4 EXPLANATION

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

7 This bill relates to education by modifying provisions  
8 related to charter schools, the Iowa public employees'  
9 retirement system, financing programs for charter schools  
10 administered by the Iowa finance authority, the statewide  
11 voluntary preschool program, education savings accounts,  
12 independent accrediting agencies, teacher training and  
13 licensure, and makes appropriations.

14 DIVISION I — CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING. Currently, each  
15 student enrolled in a charter school under Code chapter 256E  
16 shall be counted, for state school foundation purposes, in the  
17 student's district of residence. The department of education  
18 is then required to pay to the charter school in which the  
19 student is enrolled an amount equal to the sum of the regular  
20 program state cost per pupil for the budget year plus other  
21 additional costs specified in Code section 256E.8(2)(a). This  
22 division adds the teacher salary supplement state cost per  
23 pupil to the amount required to be paid to the charter school.  
24 This provision applies to school budget years beginning on or  
25 after July 1, 2026.

26 DIVISION II — IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
27 This division provides that persons employed by charter schools  
28 that satisfy all applicable requirements under federal law  
29 for participation in the retirement system are employees for  
30 purposes of the provisions of the Iowa public employees'  
31 retirement system (IPERS). Additionally, the division provides  
32 that charter schools that satisfy all applicable requirements  
33 under federal law for participation in the retirement system  
34 are employers for purposes of the provisions of IPERS.

35 The bill provides that in the event of a charter school

1 closure, the assets of the charter school shall be, after  
2 payroll obligations but prior to paying creditors, used to  
3 satisfy any liabilities due and owing to IPERS.

4 DIVISION III — EXTRACURRICULAR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC  
5 CONTESTS OR COMPETITIONS PROVIDED BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. This  
6 division requires the board of directors of a school district  
7 to allow a student who resides within the district, and  
8 who is enrolled in a charter school, to participate in any  
9 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition  
10 that is provided by the school district pursuant to the terms  
11 of an agreement between the board of directors of the school  
12 district and the governing board of the charter school if the  
13 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition  
14 has not been provided by the charter school during the two  
15 immediately preceding school years and if the charter school  
16 has not entered into an agreement under Code section 280.13A  
17 (sharing interscholastic activities) with another school  
18 district, nonpublic school, or charter school that provides  
19 for the eligibility of students enrolled in the charter school  
20 to participate in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic  
21 contest or competition that is being provided by that school.

22 The division requires the board of directors of a school  
23 district to allow a student who resides within a contiguous  
24 school district, and who is enrolled in a charter school, to  
25 participate in any extracurricular interscholastic athletic  
26 contest or competition that is provided by the school district  
27 pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the board of  
28 directors of the school district and the governing board of  
29 the charter school if the extracurricular interscholastic  
30 athletic contest or competition has not been provided by the  
31 charter school or by the student's school district of residence  
32 during the two immediately preceding school years and if  
33 the charter school has not entered into an agreement under  
34 Code section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic  
35 school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility of

1 students enrolled in the charter school to participate in the  
2 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition  
3 that is being provided by that school.

4 The division provides that if the board of directors of  
5 a school district has established a fee for the cost of a  
6 student's participation in an extracurricular interscholastic  
7 athletic contest or competition, a student who is enrolled in a  
8 charter school and is participating in a contest or competition  
9 at a public school pursuant to the division's provisions, or  
10 the student's parent or guardian, shall be responsible for the  
11 payment of such fee.

12 The division requires a student who is enrolled in a charter  
13 school and is participating in a contest or competition at  
14 a public school pursuant to the division's provisions to  
15 participate under the same conditions as a student who is  
16 enrolled in the school district, including meeting the school  
17 district's student code of conduct requirements.

18 The division provides that a student who participates in an  
19 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition  
20 pursuant to the division's provisions is deemed to satisfy the  
21 residence requirements for purposes of Code section 256.46  
22 (rules for participation in extracurricular activities by  
23 certain children).

24 DIVISION IV — LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY STATUS. This division  
25 provides that the governing board of a charter school that is  
26 approved under Code section 256E.5 (founding group-state board  
27 model) is a local education agency for the purpose of receiving  
28 federal funds for all attendance centers that are under the  
29 jurisdiction of the governing board.

30 DIVISION V — CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN  
31 PROGRAM. This division establishes a charter school facilities  
32 revolving loan program fund within the Iowa finance authority  
33 (IFA) to assist charter schools in acquiring suitable school  
34 facilities. The moneys in the fund are appropriated to the IFA  
35 for use in the development and operation of a charter school

1 facilities revolving loan program in purchasing, acquiring,  
2 developing, reconstructing, remodeling, or replacing school  
3 buildings. The division also allows the IFA to make or enter  
4 into a liquidity or credit enhancement agreement with a charter  
5 school in purchasing, acquiring, developing, reconstructing,  
6 remodeling, or replacing school buildings.

7 DIVISION VI — STATEWIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR  
8 FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN. This division authorizes school  
9 districts to enter into a Code chapter 28E agreement with a  
10 community-based provider allowing the community-based provider  
11 to provide instruction as part of the approved local program,  
12 and the division requires school districts to enter into such  
13 an agreement upon the request of a community-based provider.  
14 Additionally, the division prohibits such Code chapter 28E  
15 agreements from limiting the number of eligible students who  
16 may receive instruction from a community-based provider as part  
17 of the approved local program.

18 The division prohibits Code chapter 256C (statewide  
19 voluntary preschool program for four-year-old children)  
20 from being construed to authorize the state or any political  
21 subdivision of the state to exercise authority over  
22 any community-based provider or construed to require a  
23 community-based provider to modify its academic standards  
24 for admission or educational program in order to receive  
25 payments from a school district under the statewide voluntary  
26 preschool program (SWVPP). The division also prohibits Code  
27 chapter 256C from being construed to expand the authority of  
28 the state or any political subdivision of the state to impose  
29 regulations upon any community-based provider that are not  
30 necessary to implement this section. The division provides  
31 that a community-based provider that receives payments from a  
32 school district under the SWVPP is not an agent of this state  
33 or of a political subdivision of this state. Rules adopted by  
34 the department of education to implement the SWVPP that impose  
35 an undue burden on a community-based provider are invalid. The

1 division requires that a community-based provider that receives  
2 payments from a school district under the SWVPP be given the  
3 maximum freedom possible to provide for the educational needs  
4 of the community-based provider's students, consistent with  
5 state and federal law.

6 DIVISION VII — EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. The education  
7 savings account program is a program that provides funds to  
8 pupils who attend nonpublic schools to pay for qualified  
9 educational expenses, including but not limited to tuition,  
10 tutoring or cognitive skill training fees, educational therapy  
11 costs, software expenses, and expenses related to course  
12 materials. Under current law, the parent or guardian of a  
13 pupil is required to submit an application for payment under  
14 the education savings account program to the department of  
15 education on or after January 1, but on or before June 30,  
16 preceding the school year for which the education savings  
17 account payment is requested. This division allows the parent  
18 or guardian of a pupil to submit such an application on or  
19 after December 1, but on or before December 20, preceding the  
20 semester for which the education savings account payment is  
21 requested. Additionally, under current law each education  
22 savings account payment is equal to the regular program state  
23 cost per pupil for the same school budget year. The division  
24 provides that, if the parent or guardian of a pupil submitted  
25 such an application on or after December 1, but on or before  
26 December 20, preceding the semester for which the education  
27 savings account payment is requested, the education savings  
28 account payment for such pupil is equal to 50 percent of the  
29 regular program state cost per pupil for the same school budget  
30 year. The division makes conforming changes.

31 DIVISION VIII — INDEPENDENT ACCREDITING AGENCIES. Current  
32 law authorizes a nonpublic school to be accredited by an  
33 approved independent accrediting agency instead of by the  
34 state board of education if the nonpublic school is accredited  
35 by an independent accrediting agency that is on a list of

1 approved independent accrediting agencies maintained by the  
2 state board of education. This division provides that these  
3 provisions shall not be construed to authorize the state or any  
4 political subdivision of the state to exercise authority over  
5 any nonpublic school or construed to require a nonpublic school  
6 to modify its academic standards for admission or educational  
7 program. The division also provides that these provisions  
8 shall not be construed to expand the authority of the state or  
9 any political subdivision of the state to impose regulations  
10 upon any nonpublic school that are not necessary to implement  
11 the state's educational standards. The division provides that  
12 rules adopted by the state board of education to implement  
13 these provisions that impose an undue burden on a nonpublic  
14 school are invalid. The division requires that a nonpublic  
15 school shall be given the maximum freedom possible to provide  
16 for the educational needs of the school's students, consistent  
17 with state and federal law.

18 DIVISION IX — SCHEDULE OF TEACHER TRAININGS AND LICENSURE  
19 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS. This division requires the department  
20 of education to convene a task force to study the training  
21 programs in which teachers in this state are required to  
22 participate pursuant to state law and the requirements  
23 associated with renewing a teaching license. The task force  
24 is required to submit its findings and recommendations to  
25 the general assembly on or before December 31, 2026. The  
26 recommendations must include specific recommendations related  
27 to how to change current law to create a more manageable  
28 training program schedule and licensure renewal requirement  
29 schedule for teachers.