

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,
4 and providing civil penalties.

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

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
6 defined 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
9 other health care-related degree that is supervised by a health
10 care professional in a facility. For the purposes of this
11 paragraph, "facility" means the same as defined in section
12 514J.102.

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

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

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

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

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

35 c. (1) If an accredited private institution is found by

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

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

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

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

29 3. "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher
30 learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and
31 not controlled or administered by any state agency or any
32 subdivision of the state, which is not exempt from taxation
33 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which
34 meets all of the criteria in [subsection 1](#), paragraphs "d"
35 through "k", and or is a school of barbering and cosmetology

1 arts and sciences licensed under [chapter 157](#) and ~~is~~ accredited
2 by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United
3 States department of education. For the fiscal year beginning
4 July 1, 2017, such a school of barbering and cosmetology arts
5 and sciences shall provide a matching aggregate amount of
6 institutional financial aid equal to at least seventy-five
7 percent of the amount received by the institution's students
8 for Iowa tuition grant assistance under [section 256.191](#). For
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the school of barbering
10 and cosmetology arts and sciences shall provide a matching
11 aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal to at
12 least eighty-five percent of the amount received in that fiscal
13 year. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019,
14 and each succeeding fiscal year, the matching aggregate amount
15 of institutional financial aid shall be at least equal to the
16 match provided by eligible institutions under section 261.9,
17 subsection 3, paragraph "a", Code 2023.

18 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

30 The bill requires a postsecondary school offering a
31 degree program requiring a rotation to, upon request of a
32 student enrolled in the degree program, identify a rotation
33 placement where the student will be exempt from any vaccination
34 requirements imposed by the placement during the duration of
35 the rotation. Under the bill, a postsecondary school that

1 fails to comply does not qualify as an eligible institution
2 for purposes of Iowa tuition grants. The bill amends the
3 definition of eligible institution under Code section 256.183.

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

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