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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3041)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 23, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring boards of directors of school districts,
2 governing boards of charter schools, and authorities in
3 charge of accredited nonpublic schools to adopt policies
4 related to exempting student absences for 4-H club or FFA
5 activities.

6 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. *Or.* Be subject to and comply with the
4 requirements of section 299.1, subsection 5, relating to
5 absences from school because of involvement in an activity or
6 project sponsored by a 4-H club or the FFA in the same manner as
7 a school 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
14 an exempt absence when the student is absent from school
15 because of the student's involvement in an activity or project
16 sponsored by a 4-H club or the FFA. The policy shall also
17 require the school district or accredited nonpublic school
18 to allow a student who is absent from school because of the
19 student's involvement in an activity or project sponsored by a
20 4-H club or the FFA to make up any classwork the student was not
21 able to complete as a result of the absence.