SENATE FILE 467
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1192)

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to online learning and continuous remote learning, and allowing certain school districts or accredited nonpublic schools to deliver coursework using an online learning platform for up to five school days when inclement weather or other unanticipated circumstance causes schools to temporarily close.

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

Section 1. Section 279.10, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. *a.* Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or in accordance with a proclamation of public health disaster emergency issued by the governor pursuant to section 29C.6, a school district or accredited nonpublic school shall not offer online learning as defined in section 256.2 or continuous remote learning unless the school district or accredited nonpublic school meets the requirements of section 256.7, subsection 32, or section 256.11, subsection 17, as appropriate.

b. A school district or accredited nonpublic school may, for up to five school days when inclement weather or other unanticipated circumstance causes the school district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily close school during the regular school calendar, deliver the regular school day coursework using an online learning platform that meets the requirements of section 256.7, subsection 32, or section 256.11, subsection 17, as appropriate.

c. The limitation on the number of school days specified in paragraph "*b*" does not apply to a school district that provides educational instruction and course content primarily over the internet in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 32, paragraph "*c*", Code 2016, or section 256.9, subsection 55.

d. Unless otherwise required by a state or federal law related to students with disabilities, or in accordance with a proclamation of public health disaster emergency issued by the governor pursuant to section 29C.6, this subsection shall not be construed to require a school district or accredited nonpublic school to offer continuous remote learning, to maintain a program of continuous remote learning, to deliver instruction primarily over the internet, to continue delivering instruction primarily over the internet, or to become or remain an approved provider of online learning.