

## CHAPTER 248

## EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPULSORY EDUCATION

S. F. 785

AN ACT relating to compulsory school attendance and educational standards.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred ninety-nine (299)\*, Code 1966,  
 2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new section.  
 3 "When members or representatives of a local congregation of a  
 4 recognized church or religious denomination established for ten (10)  
 5 years or more within the state of Iowa prior to July 1, 1967, which  
 6 professes principles or tenents\*\* that differ substantially from the  
 7 objectives, goals, and philosophy of education embodied in standards  
 8 set forth in section two hundred fifty-seven point twenty-five (257.25)  
 9 of the Code, and rules adopted in implementation thereof, file with the  
 10 state superintendent of public instruction proof of the existence of  
 11 such conflicting tenents\*\* or principles, together with a list of the  
 12 names, ages, and post office addresses of all persons of compulsory  
 13 school age desiring to be exempted from the compulsory education law  
 14 and the educational standards law, whose parents or guardians are  
 15 members of the congregation or religious denomination, the state  
 16 superintendent, subject to the approval of the state board of public  
 17 instruction, may exempt the members of the congregation or religious  
 18 denomination from compliance with any or all requirements of the  
 19 compulsory education law and the educational standards law for two  
 20 (2) school years. When the exemption has once been granted, renewal  
 21 of such exemptions for each succeeding school year may be conditioned  
 22 by the state superintendent, with the approval of the board, upon  
 23 proof of achievement in the basic skills of arithmetic, the communi-  
 24 cative arts of reading, writing, grammar, and spelling, and an under-  
 25 standing of United States history, history of Iowa, and the principles  
 26 of American government, by persons of compulsory school age ex-  
 27 empted in the preceding year, which shall be determined on the basis  
 28 of tests or other means of evaluation selected by the state superin-  
 29 tendent with the approval of the board. The testing or evaluation, if  
 30 required, shall be accomplished prior to submission of the request for  
 31 renewal of the exemption. Renewal requests shall be filed with the  
 32 state superintendent on or before April 15 of the school year preceding  
 33 the school year for which the applicants desire exemption.

Approved July 26, 1967.

This Act was passed by the G. A. before July 1, 1967.

\*Figures supplied by Code Editor, §3.1(3).

\*\*According to enrolled Act.