

being observed by the department and projections regarding possible trends in the future. The report shall be submitted to the general assembly by January 1 each year, and copies of the report shall be forwarded to the chairpersons and members of the committee on education in the senate and in the house of representatives.

Sec. 2. Section 279.51, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1999, is amended to read as follows:

There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~1998~~ 2000, and each succeeding fiscal year, the sum of ~~fifteen~~ twelve million ~~three~~ five hundred sixty thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. Section 279.51, subsection 1, paragraphs c and e, Code Supplement 1999, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

Sec. 4. Section 279.51, subsection 3, Code Supplement 1999, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 5. Section 257.12, Code 1999, is repealed.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved May 18, 2000

CHAPTER 1199

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

S.F. 292

AN ACT providing for the designation of investigative information possessed by the board of educational examiners as privileged and confidential.

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

Section 1. Section 272.13, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. All complaint files, investigation files, other investigation reports, and other investigative information in the possession of the board or its employees or agents, which relate to licensee discipline, are privileged and confidential, and are not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for their release to a person other than the respondent and the board and its employees and agents involved in licensee discipline, and are not admissible in evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding other than the proceeding involving licensee discipline. However, investigative information in the possession of the board or its employees or agents which relates to licensee discipline may be disclosed to appropriate licensing authorities within this state, the appropriate licensing authority in another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory or country in which the licensee is licensed or has applied for a license. A final written decision and finding of fact of the board in a disciplinary proceeding is a public record.

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