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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 454

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Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the state board of education to adopt rules
2 establishing criteria for the approval of requests submitted
3 by school districts for early school start dates.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 2005, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. Adopt rules that establish criteria
4 for approval by the director of requests made by a board of
5 directors of a school district to commence classes prior to
6 the earliest starting date as provided in section 279.10,
7 subsection 4.

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EXPLANATION

9 This bill requires the state board of education to adopt
10 rules establishing criteria for the approval by the director
11 of the department of education of requests made by a board of
12 directors of a school district to commence classes prior to
13 the earliest school starting date allowed under law, which is
14 no sooner than a day during the calendar week in which the
15 first day of September falls but no later than the first
16 Monday in December, unless the first day of September falls on
17 a Sunday, in which case school may begin on a day during the
18 calendar week which immediately precedes the first day of
19 September.

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