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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 369)

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Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 67 Nays 30
Approved May 3, 2001

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compulsory attendance age and attendance
2 at school during the regular school calendar by a child who
3 has reached the age of sixteen.

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

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SF 412

1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.

4 A child who has reached the age of six and is under sixteen
5 years of age by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age.

6 However, if a child enrolled in a school district or
7 accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of sixteen on or
8 after September 15, the child remains of compulsory age until
9 the end of the regular school calendar.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that if a child enrolled in a school
12 district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of 16
13 on or after September 15, the child is deemed to be of
14 compulsory attendance age for the whole academic year.

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SENATE FILE 412

H-1473

1 Amend Senate File 412, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 4 through 9 and
4 inserting the following: "A child who has reached the
5 age of six by September 15 and is under sixteen years
6 of age ~~by September 15~~ is of compulsory attendance
7 age."

8 2. Page 1, by inserting before line 10 the
9 following:

10 "If a child who reaches the age of sixteen during
11 the regular school calendar chooses to withdraw from
12 the school of attendance prior to the end of the
13 regular school calendar, the school district and
14 accredited nonpublic school in which the pupil was
15 enrolled shall provide the pupil with information
16 regarding alternative education options offered by the
17 school district or school or by any other educational
18 institution in the area as appropriate."

By MASCHER of Johnson

H-1473 FILED APRIL 10, 2001

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SENATE FILE 412**H-1531**

1 Amend Senate File 412, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
4 following:

5 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.28 POTENTIAL
6 DROPOUT DECISION-MAKING ASSISTANCE POLICY.

7 The board of directors of a school district and the
8 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic
9 school shall adopt a potential dropout decision-making
10 assistance policy to inform students who are potential
11 school dropouts and are no longer of compulsory
12 attendance age of the problems the students may
13 encounter as school dropouts and of alternative
14 educational options.

15 Under the policy, the school board or the
16 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic
17 school shall provide to a student, when a student is
18 identified as being at risk of dropping out or at
19 least twenty-four hours before the student is
20 anticipated to drop out of school, information by
21 videotape about the problems that research indicates
22 dropouts are likely to encounter and about the
23 alternative educational options offered by the school
24 district or school or by any other educational
25 institution in the area, as appropriate. The school
26 board and authorities in charge of an accredited
27 nonpublic school shall also provide to the student a
28 certification and consent form to be signed by the
29 student verifying that the student was offered a
30 viewing of the videotape. The student shall also
31 attain the signature of the student's parent or legal
32 guardian to document that the parent or legal guardian
33 consents to the student's intention to drop out of
34 school."

35 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By MASCHER of Johnson

H-1531 FILED APRIL 16, 2001

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SENATE FILE 412

H-1607

1 Amend the amendment, H-1531, to Senate File 412, as
2 passed by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking the words
4 "amended, passed, and reprinted" and inserting the
5 following: "passed".

6 "____". Page 1, by inserting before line 5, the
7 following:

8 ""Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 43, Code
9 2001, is amended to read as follows:

10 43. a. Prepare a plan and a report for ensuring
11 that all Iowa children will be able to satisfy the
12 requirements for high school graduation. The plan and
13 report shall include a statement of the dimensions of
14 the dropout problem in Iowa; a survey of existing
15 programs geared to dropout prevention; a plan for use
16 of competency-based outcome methods and measures;
17 proposals for alternative means for satisfying
18 graduation requirements including alternative high
19 school settings, supervised vocational experiences,
20 education experiences within the correctional system,
21 screening and assessment mechanisms for identifying
22 students who are at risk of dropping out and the
23 development of an individualized education plan for
24 identified students; a requirement that schools
25 provide information to students who drop out of school
26 on options for pursuing education at a later date; the
27 development of basic materials and information for
28 schools to present to students leaving school; a
29 requirement that students notify their school
30 districts of residence when the student discontinues
31 school, including the reasons for leaving school and
32 future plans for career development; a requirement
33 that, unless a student chooses to make the information
34 relating to the student leaving school confidential,
35 schools make the information available to community
36 colleges, area education agencies, and other
37 educational institutions upon request; recommendations
38 for the establishment of pilot projects for the
39 development of model alternative options education
40 programs; a plan for implementation of any recommended
41 courses of action to attain a zero dropout rate by the
42 year 2000; and other requirements necessary to achieve
43 the goals of this subsection. Alternative means for
44 satisfying graduation requirements which relate to the
45 development of individualized education plans for
46 students who have dropped out of the regular school
47 program shall include, but are not limited to, a
48 tracking component that requires a school district to
49 maintain periodic contact with a student, assistance
50 to a dropout in curing any of the student's academic

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1 deficiencies, an assessment of the student's
2 employability skills and plans to improve those
3 skills, and treatment or counseling for a student's
4 social needs. The department shall also prepare a
5 cost estimate associated with implementation of
6 proposals to attain a zero dropout rate, including but
7 not limited to evaluation of existing funding sources
8 and a recommended allocation of the financial burden
9 among federal, state, local, and family resources.

10 b. The department shall prepare and distribute to
11 school districts and accredited nonpublic schools upon
12 request a video, the audience for which shall be
13 students who are at risk of dropping out. The video
14 shall illustrate the problems that research indicates
15 dropouts are likely to encounter and shall provide
16 information regarding the various alternative
17 education options that may be available to a student,
18 including alternative means for satisfying graduation
19 requirements, alternative high school settings,
20 supervised vocational experiences, and options for
21 pursuing education at a later date. The video shall
22 also document and illustrate the increased
23 employability of a student who meets the challenge of
24 progressing through secondary and postsecondary
25 educational experiences. The department is encouraged
26 to seek funding assistance from the private sector for
27 the cost of producing and distributing the video."

28 2. Page 1, by striking lines 22 through 25, and
29 inserting the following: "students who drop out of
30 school are likely to encounter and about alternative
31 educational options that may be available to the
32 student. The school"."

33 3. Page 1, by inserting after line 34, the
34 following:

35 "____. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the
36 word "sixteen" the following: ", and directing the
37 department of education and public and accredited
38 nonpublic schools to provide information to students
39 who are at risk of dropping out of school"."

By MASCHER of Johnson

H-1607 FILED APRIL 19, 2001

Adopted
4/23/01
(P. 1397)

**SENATE FILE 412
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Senate File 412** as passed by the Senate is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 412 clarifies the statute regarding compulsory attendance age. It inserts language to require that a child who reaches the age of 16 on or after September 15 remains of compulsory attendance age for the entire school year.

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate File 412 has no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

SOURCE

Department of Education

(LSB 1850SV, RKM)

FILED APRIL 5, 2001

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

**SENATE FILE 412
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Amendment H-1531 to Senate File 412 as passed by the Senate** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Amendment H-1531 to Senate File 412 as passed by the Senate requires school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to adopt policies regarding assistance to students at risk of dropping out who are no longer of compulsory attendance age. The Bill requires each district to provide information to the student via videotape, including information regarding problems that research shows dropouts may encounter and alternative educational opportunities provided by the district or nonpublic school or any other educational institution in the area.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The school district or nonpublic school has access to video recording and editing equipment at no additional cost.
2. The school district or nonpublic school can utilize the services of a person knowledgeable in scripting, shooting, and editing videotape and that such services will be provided free of charge.
3. Scripting, shooting, and editing one minute of videotape requires one to three hours of labor, depending upon the person's level of expertise.
4. A commercial provider of services would charge a minimum of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per minute of the final videotape's length.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated minimum fiscal impact of Amendment H-1531 to Senate File 412 as passed by the Senate is \$200 per school district and accredited nonpublic school. If a district or nonpublic school finds it necessary to pay for the services needed to produce the videotape, the additional cost is estimated between \$350 and \$20,000. This assumes a final product ten minutes in length. The low end of the range assumes the services are provided by a school district employee at the hourly rate of pay equivalent to the State average teacher salary. The high end of the range assumes the services are provided by a commercial provider at a cost of \$2,000 per minute of final videotape.

SOURCE

Des Moines Public Schools, Department of Board and Community Relations

(LSB 1850SV.2, RKM)

FILED APRIL 17, 2001

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

**SENATE FILE 412
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Amendment H-1607 to Amendment H-1531 to Senate File 412** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Amendment H-1607 to H-1531 to Senate File 412 as passed by the Senate requires the Department of Education to prepare and distribute to school districts and accredited nonpublic schools upon request a video illustrating the problems that research indicates dropouts are likely to encounter and providing information on alternative educational opportunities and options for pursuing education at a later date. The Amendment encourages the Department to seek funding assistance from the private sector for the cost of producing and distributing the video.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The Department of Education estimates the cost of research and preparation of content for the video at \$500 per day for 20 days for a total of \$10,000. Assuming it may be possible to accomplish the work at a lower cost per day and/or in fewer days, the cost is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
2. The videotape would be produced in a manner that would be appropriate and engaging for the target student population. The final length of the edited videotape would be 20 minutes in order to address all of the areas described in the Amendment in an effective manner.
3. Scripting, shooting, and editing by an experienced commercial vendor would cost approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 per minute of the final videotape's length or \$60,000 to \$80,000 for a 20-minute video.
4. The cost of duplicating and disseminating 500 videotapes to each public high school and accredited nonpublic high school would be \$8.00 per video or \$4,000 total.
5. The video would be produced in English. Production of alternative versions in other languages would incur additional costs not estimated in this Fiscal Note.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated fiscal impact of Amendment H-1607 to Amendment H-1531 to Senate File 412 as passed by the Senate is between \$69,000 and \$94,000 in FY 2002.

SOURCE

Department of Education
Iowa Teleproduction Center

(LSB 1850SV.3, RKM)

FILED APRIL 23, 2001

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

after September 15, the child remains of compulsory age until the end of the regular school calendar.

SENATE FILE 412

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE AND ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL CALENDAR BY A CHILD WHO HAS REACHED THE AGE OF SIXTEEN.

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

Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.

A child who has reached the age of six and is under sixteen years of age by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age. However, if a child enrolled in a school district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of sixteen on or

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 412, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved 5/3, 2001

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor