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SENATE FILE 59 EDUCATION
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensure requirements for a practitioner
2 who provides competent private instruction to a child of
3 compulsory attendance age.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 299A.2, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 299A.2 COMPETENT PRIVATE INSTRUCTION BY LICENSED
4 PRACTITIONER.

5 If a licensed practitioner provides competent instruction
6 to a child of compulsory attendance age, the practitioner
7 shall possess a valid license ~~or certificate~~ which has been
8 issued by the state board of educational examiners under
9 chapter 272 ~~and which is appropriate to the ages and grade~~
10 ~~levels of the children to be taught~~. Competent private
11 instruction may include, but is not limited to, a home school
12 assistance program which provides instruction or instructional
13 supervision offered through an accredited nonpublic school or
14 public school district by a teacher, who is employed by the
15 accredited nonpublic school or public school district, who
16 assists and supervises a parent, guardian, or legal custodian
17 in providing instruction to a child. If competent private
18 instruction is provided through a public school district, the
19 child shall be enrolled and included in the basic enrollment
20 of the school district as provided in section 257.6. Sections
21 299A.3 through 299A.7 do not apply to competent private
22 instruction provided by a licensed practitioner under this
23 section. However, the reporting requirement contained in
24 section 299A.3, subsection 1, shall apply to competent private
25 instruction provided by licensed practitioners that is not
26 part of a home school assistance program offered through an
27 accredited nonpublic school or public school district.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill strikes a requirement from the Code chapter
30 governing competent private instruction (i.e., homeschooling)
31 which requires that a teacher who provides competent private
32 instruction possess a license that is appropriate to the ages
33 and grade levels of the children to be taught.

34 The bill also strikes reference to a certificate that the
35 board of educational examiners issued prior to July 1, 1989,

1 which entitled the possessor to be granted a permanent
2 license.

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