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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring school districts and accredited nonpublic  
2 schools to establish media centers supervised by qualified  
3 media services specialists, and providing for a waiver and a  
4 future effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 24, Code Supplement  
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 24. Adopt rules ~~en-or-before-January-17-2007~~, to require  
4 school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to adopt  
5 local policies relating to health services~~, media-services~~  
6 ~~programs~~, and guidance programs, as part of the general  
7 accreditation standards applicable to school districts  
8 pursuant to section 256.11. This subsection shall be  
9 applicable strictly for reporting purposes and shall not be  
10 interpreted to require school districts and accredited  
11 nonpublic schools to provide or offer health services~~, media~~  
12 ~~services-programs~~, or guidance programs.

13 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, Code Supplement 2005, is amended  
14 by adding the following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Unless a waiver has been obtained  
16 under section 256.11A, each school or school district shall  
17 establish a media center in each attendance center which shall  
18 be accessible to students throughout the school day and shall  
19 be supervised by a school media specialist licensed and  
20 appropriately endorsed by the board of educational examiners  
21 under chapter 272. In determining the requirements of this  
22 subsection for accredited nonpublic schools, the department  
23 shall evaluate the schools on a school system basis rather  
24 than on an individual school basis.

25 Sec. 3. Section 256.11A, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 2. Not later than August 1, ~~1995~~ 2007, for the school year  
28 beginning July 1, ~~1995~~ 2007, the board of directors of a  
29 school district, or authorities in charge of a nonpublic  
30 school, may file a written request with the department of  
31 education that the department waive the ~~rule-adopted-by-the~~  
32 ~~state-board~~ requirement to establish and operate a media  
33 ~~services-program-to-support-the-total-curriculum-for-that~~  
34 ~~district-or-school~~ center supervised by a media services  
35 specialist as provided in section 256.11, subsection 9. The

1 procedures specified in subsection 3 apply to the request.  
2 Not later than August 1, ~~1996~~ 2008, for the school year  
3 beginning July 1, ~~1996~~ 2008, the board of directors of a  
4 school district or the authorities in charge of a nonpublic  
5 school may request an additional one-year extension of the  
6 waiver.

7 Sec. 4. FUTURE EFFECTIVE DATE. This bill takes effect  
8 July 1, 2007.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill requires that each school district or accredited  
11 nonpublic school establish, unless a waiver has been obtained,  
12 a media center in each attendance center which shall be  
13 supervised by an appropriately licensed and endorsed school  
14 media specialist. In determining the requirements for  
15 accredited nonpublic schools, however, the department is  
16 directed to evaluate the schools on a school system basis  
17 rather than on an individual school basis. School districts  
18 and accredited nonpublic schools may apply for a waiver and a  
19 one-year extension of the waiver for FY 2007-2008 and FY  
20 2008-2009.

21 The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

22 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
23 section 25B.3.

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