

CHAPTER 128

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS — MINOR PROSECUTING WITNESSES — PRETRIAL CONTACT WITH DEFENDANT

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AN ACT relating to pretrial contact between a prosecuting witness who is a minor and the defendant.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **915.36A Minor prosecuting witness — pretrial contact.**

A prosecuting witness who is a minor shall have the right to have the interview or deposition taken outside of the presence of the defendant. The interview or deposition may be televised by closed-circuit equipment to a room where the defendant can view the interview or deposition or in a manner that ensures that the defendant shall not have contact with the minor. The defendant shall be allowed to communicate with the defendant's counsel in the room where the minor is being interviewed or deposed by an appropriate electronic method.

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