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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act to repeal the requirement that existing public schools  
2 maintain twelve grades.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 Section 1. Chapter 274, Code 1981, is amended by adding  
2 the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. The board of directors of a school district  
4 may vote to use section 257.28 in order to discontinue offering  
5 any or all of grades nine through twelve and may send the  
6 pupils to another school district for courses.

7 Sec. 2. Section 275.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 It is ~~declared-to-be~~ the policy of the state to encourage  
10 economical and efficient school districts which will insure  
11 an equal educational opportunity to all children of the state.  
12 ~~All-areas-of-the-state-shall-be-in-school-districts-maintaining~~  
13 ~~twelve-grades---if-any-school-district-ceases-to-maintain~~  
14 ~~twelve-grades--it-shall-reorganize-within-six-months-or-the~~  
15 ~~state-board-shall-attach-the-school-district-not-maintaining~~  
16 ~~twelve-grades-to-another-district-~~ Voluntary reorganizations  
17 under this chapter shall be commenced only if the affected  
18 school districts are contiguous to one another. A reorganized  
19 district shall meet the requirements of section 275.3.

20 Sec. 3. Section 275.3, Code 1981, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 275.3 MINIMUM STANDARDS. No new school district shall  
23 be planned by an area education agency board nor shall any  
24 proposal for creation or enlargement of any school district  
25 be approved by an area education agency board or submitted  
26 to electors unless there reside within the proposed limits  
27 of ~~such~~ the district at least three hundred persons of school  
28 age who were enrolled in public schools in the preceding  
29 school year. A school district formed on or after the  
30 effective date of this Act shall maintain twelve grades.  
31 ~~Provided, however, that~~ However, the state superintendent  
32 of public instruction ~~shall-have-authority-to~~ may grant  
33 permission to an area education agency board to approve the  
34 formation or enlargement of a school district containing a  
35 lower school enrollment than required in this section on the

1 written request of ~~such~~ the area education agency board if  
2 ~~such~~ the request is accompanied by evidence tending to show  
3 that sparsity of population, natural barriers or other good  
4 reason makes it impracticable to meet the school enrollment  
5 requirement.

6 Sec. 4. Section 280.15, Code 1981, is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 280.15 JOINT EMPLOYMENT AND SHARING. Any two or more  
9 public school districts may jointly employ and share the  
10 services of any school personnel, or acquire and share the  
11 use of classrooms, laboratories, equipment and facilities.  
12 ~~Classes-made-available-to-students-in-the-manner-provided~~  
13 ~~in-this-section-shall-be-considered-as-complying-with-the~~  
14 ~~requirements-of-section-275-1-relating-to-the-maintenance~~  
15 ~~of-twelve-grades-by-a-school-district.~~

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill allows existing districts to offer only grades  
18 kindergarten through eight and send their high school pupils  
19 to another district. The bill takes effect July 1 following  
20 its enactment.

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