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A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting the use of fully interactive telecommunications
2 systems as the exclusive means to provide required courses in
3 certain school districts and permitting a teacher's aide to be
4 the supervising teacher at the place where the
5 telecommunications are being received.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 9, unnumbered
2 paragraph 3, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

3 The rules shall provide that when the curriculum is taught
4 by a certificated and properly endorsed or approved teacher at
5 the location at which the telecommunications originates
6 originate and the telecommunications are not fully
7 interactive, the curriculum received shall be under the
8 supervision of a certificated teacher. For the purposes of
9 this subsection, "supervision" means that the curriculum is
10 monitored by a certificated teacher and the certificated
11 teacher is accessible to the students receiving the curriculum
12 by means of telecommunications. If the telecommunications are
13 fully interactive, and the curriculum is taught by a
14 certificated teacher, a person possessing teacher's aide
15 qualifications may take the place of a certificated teacher at
16 the location where the telecommunications are being received.
17 For the purposes of this subsection, "fully interactive
18 telecommunications" means that the system has both audio and
19 visual interactive capabilities.

20 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 10, Code 1989, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 10. Rules adopted under this section shall provide that
23 telecommunications shall not be used by school districts as
24 the exclusive means to provide any a course which is required
25 by the minimum educational standards for approval or
26 accreditation, unless the districts have fully interactive
27 audio and video systems and have multiple attendance centers
28 available for use by their students. For purposes of this
29 subsection, "multiple attendance centers" means that multiple
30 facilities are available within the district or are available
31 to a district's students because of sharing instruction with
32 three or fewer adjacent districts or because of a recent
33 reorganization of the district.

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EXPLANATION

35 This bill allows school districts which have fully

1 interactive telecommunication systems and have multiple
2 attendance centers to use those systems exclusively to provide
3 required courses for that district. It also permits a
4 district to have a teacher's aide rather than a certificated
5 teacher at the place where the telecommunications are received
6 if the telecommunications are fully interactive and the
7 curriculum is taught by a certificated teacher.

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