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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a school district's transportation of children  
2 participating in open enrollment.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 10, Code 1999, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 10. Notwithstanding section 285.1 relating to  
4 transportation of nonresident pupils, the parent or guardian  
5 is responsible for transporting the pupil without  
6 reimbursement to and from a point on a regular school bus  
7 route of the receiving district. However, a receiving  
8 district may send school vehicles into the district of  
9 residence of the pupil using the participating in open  
10 ~~enrollment option under this section,~~ for the purpose of  
11 transporting the pupil to and from school in the receiving  
12 ~~district, if the boards of both the sending and receiving~~  
13 ~~districts agree to this arrangement.~~ If the pupil meets the  
14 economic eligibility requirements established by the  
15 department and state board of education, the sending receiving  
16 district is responsible for providing transportation or paying  
17 the pro rata cost of the transportation to a parent or  
18 guardian for transporting the pupil to and from a point on a  
19 regular school bus route of a contiguous receiving sending  
20 ~~district unless the cost of providing transportation or the~~  
21 ~~pro-rata cost of the transportation to a parent or guardian~~  
22 ~~exceeds the average transportation cost per pupil transported~~  
23 ~~for the previous school year in the district.~~ If the cost  
24 exceeds the average transportation cost per pupil transported  
25 for the previous school year, the sending receiving district  
26 shall only be responsible for that average per pupil amount.  
27 ~~A sending district which provides transportation for a pupil~~  
28 ~~to a contiguous receiving district under this subsection may~~  
29 ~~withhold from the district cost per pupil amount, that is to~~  
30 ~~be paid to the receiving district, an amount which represents~~  
31 ~~the average or pro-rata cost per pupil for transportation,~~  
32 ~~whichever is less.~~

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill permits a receiving district to send a school  
35 vehicle into the school district of residence in order to

1 transport a child open enrolled in the receiving district.  
2 Currently, the Code requires that both the sending and  
3 receiving districts agree to the transportation arrangement.

4 In situations where a pupil participating in open  
5 enrollment meets certain economic eligibility requirements,  
6 the bill switches, from the sending district to the receiving  
7 district, the responsibility for providing transportation or  
8 paying the pro rata cost of the transportation to a parent or  
9 guardian for transporting the pupil. The bill strikes Code  
10 language that caps the financial responsibility to not more  
11 than the average transportation cost per pupil transported for  
12 the previous school year in the district.

13 The bill also strikes Code language that permits a sending  
14 district to withhold the district cost per pupil amount that  
15 would otherwise be paid to the receiving district if the  
16 sending district transports a pupil to the receiving district.

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