

House File 323 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the exercise, by school districts, of any
2 broad and implied powers not inconsistent with the laws of
3 the general assembly, and to the construction of statutes
4 related to school district boards and school districts.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 274.3 Exercise of powers —
2 construction.

3 1. The board of directors of a school district shall
4 operate, control, and supervise all public schools located
5 within its district boundaries and may exercise any broad and
6 implied power, not inconsistent with the laws of the general
7 assembly, related to the operation, control, and supervision
8 of those public schools.

9 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the board of directors of
10 a school district shall not have power to levy any tax unless
11 expressly authorized by the general assembly.

12 3. This chapter, chapter 257 and chapters 275 through 301,
13 and other statutes relating to the boards of directors of
14 school districts and to school districts shall be liberally
15 construed to effectuate the purposes of subsection 1.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the exercise of powers by the board of
20 directors of a school district.

21 The bill authorizes a school board to exercise any broad or
22 implied power, not inconsistent with the laws of the general
23 assembly, related to the operation, control, and supervision
24 of the public schools located within its district boundaries.
25 However, the authority does not encompass the power to levy
26 any tax unless expressly authorized by the general assembly.
27 Statutes relating to school boards and school districts shall
28 be liberally construed to effectuate the authority granted
29 under the bill.