

House File 709 - Enrolled

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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.

PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House

JAKE CHAPMAN
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 709, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.

MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2021

KIM REYNOLDS
Governor