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May 20, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 709, an Act relating to pretrial contact between a prosecuting witness who is a minor and the defendant.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 709

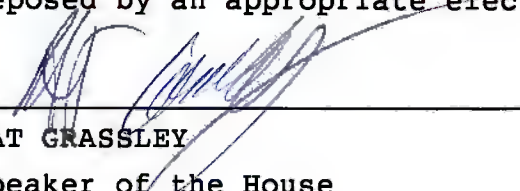
AN ACT
RELATING TO PRETRIAL CONTACT BETWEEN A PROSECUTING WITNESS WHO
IS A MINOR AND THE DEFENDANT.

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

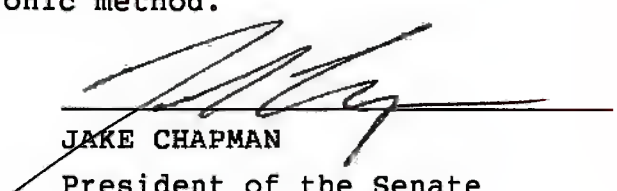
Section 1. NEW SECTION. 915.36A Minor prosecuting witness
— pretrial contact.

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



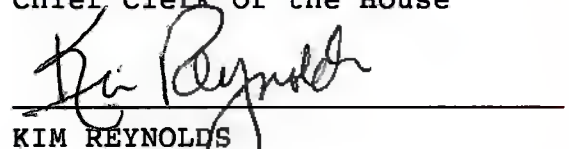
JAKE CHAPMAN
President of the Senate

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 May 20th, 2021



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Governor