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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to immunity from assault charges for the use of  
2 force by a person to stop a fight or disturbance at a school  
3 or school function.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 708.1, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code  
2 Supplement 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 Provided, that where the person doing any of the above  
4 enumerated acts is employed by a school district or accredited  
5 nonpublic school, or is an area education agency staff member  
6 who provides services to a school or school district, and  
7 intervenes in a fight or physical struggle, or other  
8 disruptive situation, that takes place in the presence of the  
9 employee or staff member performing employment duties in a  
10 school building, on school grounds, or at an official school  
11 function regardless of the location, the act shall not be an  
12 assault, whether the fight or physical struggle or other  
13 disruptive situation is between students or other individuals,  
14 if the degree and the force of the intervention ~~is~~ are  
15 reasonably necessary to restore order and to protect the  
16 safety of those assembled. In addition, a person who is not a  
17 school district or accredited nonpublic school employee or  
18 area education agency staff member and who, in the absence of  
19 such an employee or staff member or at the request of such an  
20 employee or staff member, intervenes in a fight or physical  
21 struggle, or other disruptive situation, occurring in a school  
22 building, on school grounds, or at an official school function  
23 regardless of the location, does not commit assault, whether  
24 the fight or physical struggle or other disruptive situation  
25 is between students or other individuals if the degree and the  
26 force of the intervention are reasonably necessary to restore  
27 order and to protect the safety of those assembled. However,  
28 a person who intervenes in the absence of such an employee or  
29 staff member shall report the intervention and all relevant  
30 information surrounding it as soon as reasonably possible to  
31 such an employee or staff member.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill provides that a person who is not an employee of  
34 a school or an area education agency staff member does not  
35 commit an assault when forcibly intervening in a fight or

1 other disturbance at a school or school function under certain  
2 circumstances. A person who intervenes to stop a fight or  
3 other disturbance at the school or at a school function does  
4 not commit an assault if the intervention is necessary due to  
5 the absence of an employee or staff member or at the request  
6 of an employee or staff member and the force used in the  
7 intervention is reasonably necessary to restore order and  
8 protect others. The person is required to notify a school  
9 employee or staff member as soon as reasonably possible after  
10 the intervention.

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