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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 122
BY ARNOLD

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the civil liability of a mandatory child abuse
2 reporter who is a licensed school employee.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 232.75, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Any person, official, agency or institution, required
4 by section 232.69 to report a suspected case of child abuse
5 who knowingly fails to do so is civilly liable for the damages
6 proximately caused by such failure. However, in an action for
7 damages against a licensed school employee based on the
8 alleged knowing and willful failure of the employee to report
9 a suspected case of child abuse, the damages awarded to a
10 complainant are limited to fifty thousand dollars.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill limits the damages a complainant may be awarded
13 in an action against a licensed school employee, based on the
14 alleged knowing and willful failure of the employee to report
15 a suspected case of child abuse, to \$50,000.

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