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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transportation of pupils participating in
2 open enrollment.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 10, Code Supplement
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 10. Notwithstanding section 285.1 relating to
4 transportation of nonresident pupils, the parent or guardian
5 is responsible for transporting the pupil without
6 reimbursement to and from a point on a regular school bus
7 route of the receiving district. However, a receiving
8 district may send school vehicles into the district of
9 residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under
10 this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and
11 from school in the receiving district, if the boards of both
12 the sending and receiving districts agree to this arrangement
13 or if the receiving district advances no more than two miles
14 into the sending district, subject to section 285.9. If the
15 pupil meets the economic eligibility requirements established
16 by the department and state board of education, the sending
17 district is responsible for providing transportation or paying
18 the pro rata cost of the transportation to a parent or
19 guardian for transporting the pupil to and from a point on a
20 regular school bus route of a contiguous receiving district
21 unless the cost of providing transportation or the pro rata
22 cost of the transportation to a parent or guardian exceeds the
23 average transportation cost per pupil transported for the
24 previous school year in the district. If the cost exceeds the
25 average transportation cost per pupil transported for the
26 previous school year, the sending district shall only be
27 responsible for that average per pupil amount. A sending
28 district which provides transportation for a pupil to a
29 contiguous receiving district under this subsection may
30 withhold from the district cost per pupil amount, that is to
31 be paid to the receiving district, an amount which represents
32 the average or pro rata cost per pupil for transportation,
33 whichever is less.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill permits a receiving district to send school

1 vehicles into the district of residence to transport a pupil
2 participating in open enrollment if the receiving district
3 advances no more than two miles into the sending district,
4 subject to the approval of the route by the area education
5 agency. The Code requires each area education agency to
6 approve all bus routes outside the boundary of the district of
7 the school operating the buses.

8 Currently, a receiving district may send school vehicles
9 into the district of residence in an open enrollment situation
10 only if both districts agree to the arrangement.

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