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HOUSE FILE 255  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 69)

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Vote: Ayes 92 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0  
Approved May 11, 1999

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to visitation provisions between siblings under a  
2 custody order.

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

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2 the following new subsection:

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6 either party, and if it is reasonable and in the best interest  
7 of the children, the court shall include a provision in the  
8 custody order directing the parties to allow visitation  
9 between the children in each party's custody.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that a custody order include a provision  
12 which requires custodial parents, with more than one child,  
13 who are both awarded custody of a child, to allow visitation  
14 between the children. The provision is to be included if it  
15 is reasonable and in the best interest of the children.

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Speaker of the House

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
is known as House File 255, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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ELIZABETH ISAACSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 11, 1999

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor

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