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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing civil and criminal immunity for a school
2 employee related to the employee's participation in reporting
3 and investigating violence, threats of violence, or other
4 inappropriate activity against a school employee or student in
5 a school building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored
6 function.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.27 REPORTING VIOLENCE --
2 IMMUNITY.

3 An employee of a school district, an accredited nonpublic
4 school, or an area education agency who participates in good
5 faith in the making of a report to, or investigation by, an
6 appropriate person or agency regarding violence, threats of
7 violence, or other inappropriate activity against a school
8 employee or student in a school building, on school grounds,
9 or at a school-sponsored function shall be immune from civil
10 or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as for
11 participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding
12 resulting from or relating to the report or investigation.

13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 613.20 IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL SUIT.

14 An employee of an accredited public school district,
15 accredited nonpublic school, or area education agency shall be
16 immune from civil suit for acts relating to participation in
17 the making of a report and any resulting investigation or
18 administrative or judicial proceedings regarding violence,
19 threats of violence, or other inappropriate activity against a
20 school employee or student, pursuant to the provisions of
21 section 280.27.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill creates new Code section 280.27, which
24 establishes civil and criminal immunity for a school employee
25 related to the employee's participation in reporting or
26 investigating violence, threats of violence, or other
27 inappropriate activity against a school employee or student in
28 a school building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored
29 function. A coordinating provision is added in Code chapter
30 613, relating to participation in civil actions.

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