

# House File 696 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to prisoner visitation at county jails and  
2 municipal holding facilities, and inmate visitation at state  
3 correctional facilities.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 2422HH 83  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 356.51 PRISONER VISITATION.  
1 2 All prisoners in a jail or municipal holding facility in  
1 3 normal status shall be allowed reasonable visitation,  
1 4 including visitation by minors related to the prisoner.  
1 5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 904.512A INMATE VISITATION.  
1 6 All inmates in normal status shall be allowed reasonable  
1 7 visitation, including visitation by minors related to the  
1 8 inmate.  
1 9 EXPLANATION  
1 10 This bill relates to prisoner visitation at county jails  
1 11 and municipal holding facilities, and inmate visitation at  
1 12 state correctional facilities.  
1 13 The bill provides that all prisoners in a county jail or  
1 14 municipal holding facility in normal status shall be allowed  
1 15 reasonable visitation, including visitation by minors related  
1 16 to the prisoner. Currently, prisoner visitation is determined  
1 17 at the local level.  
1 18 The bill also provides that all inmates at a state  
1 19 correctional facility in normal status shall be allowed  
1 20 reasonable visitation, including visitation by minors related  
1 21 to the inmate. Currently, all inmates in normal status are  
1 22 allowed reasonable visitation under 201 IAC 50.19(4).  
1 23 LSB 2422HH 83  
1 24 jm/rj/5.3