

**House File 2127 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring school districts to provide access to drinking  
2 water during meal times in food service areas of school  
3 district attendance centers.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 283A.6 Drinking water requirement.

2 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district  
3 shall provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal  
4 times in the food service areas of the attendance centers  
5 under its jurisdiction, including but not limited to areas  
6 where reimbursable meals under the federal Richard B. Russell  
7 National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., or the  
8 school breakfast program established by section 4 of the  
9 federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1773, are  
10 served or consumed. A school district may comply with this  
11 section by, among other means, providing cups and containers  
12 of water or providing bottled water donated to the school  
13 district.

14 2. The majority of the members of the board of directors  
15 of a school district may adopt a resolution stating that the  
16 school district is unable to comply with the requirements of  
17 subsection 1 and demonstrating the reasons why the school  
18 district is unable to comply due to fiscal constraints or  
19 health and safety concerns. The proposed resolution shall be  
20 posted on an internet site maintained by the school district  
21 and shall include the date, time, and place of the board  
22 meeting at which the board shall take action to adopt the  
23 resolution. The board shall take action on the resolution  
24 within thirty days of the internet posting or at the next  
25 regularly scheduled board meeting, whichever occurs later.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires a school district to provide access to  
28 free, fresh drinking water during meal times in school food  
29 service areas unless the school board by a majority of its  
30 members adopts a resolution stating that it is unable to comply  
31 with this requirement and demonstrating the reasons why it  
32 is unable to comply due to fiscal constraints or health and  
33 safety concerns. The proposed resolution must be posted on a  
34 school district internet site and the board must take action  
35 on the resolution within 30 days of the posting or at the next

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1 regularly scheduled board meeting, whichever occurs later.