

House File 610 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a school bus stop arm camera pilot program.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 285.17 School bus stop arm camera
2 pilot program.

3 1. The department of education shall establish a school
4 bus stop arm camera pilot program in coordination with the
5 department of administrative services, the department of
6 transportation, and participating school districts. The
7 department shall develop procedures and specifications for the
8 solicitation of bids for the purchase of school bus stop arm
9 cameras to be used by participating school districts. The
10 department may award a contract for purchase to any bidder or
11 bidders responsive to the needs of at least one participating
12 school district. However, a participating school district must
13 accept a bid for which the department awards a contract for
14 purchases by the school district.

15 2. The department shall establish an application process
16 for school districts to participate in the program and
17 shall not implement the program unless at least three school
18 districts successfully apply. The department shall encourage
19 school districts of diverse size and location to apply for the
20 program.

21 3. A participating school district shall install school bus
22 stop arm cameras received through the program on at least three
23 school buses used by the school district. The department and
24 participating school districts shall jointly share the costs of
25 purchasing and installing school bus stop arm cameras pursuant
26 to the program. The department's share of purchasing and
27 installation costs under the program shall not exceed fifteen
28 thousand dollars per fiscal year.

29 4. The department of education, in coordination with
30 the department of administrative services, the department of
31 transportation, and participating school districts, shall
32 submit a report on the program detailing program outcomes,
33 findings, and recommendations to the general assembly by
34 January 8, 2016.

35 5. This section is repealed effective June 30, 2016.

EXPLANATION

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This bill directs the department of education to establish a school bus stop arm camera pilot program in coordination with the department of administrative services, the department of transportation, and participating school districts. The bill directs the department to develop procedures and specifications for the solicitation of bids for the purchase of school bus stop arm cameras to be used by participating school districts. The bill provides that the department may award a contract for purchase to any bidder or bidders responsive to the needs of at least one participating school district. The bill provides that a participating school district must accept a bid for which the department awards a contract for purchases by the school district.

The bill directs the department to establish an application process for school districts to participate in the program and prohibits the department from implementing the program unless at least three school districts successfully apply. The bill directs the department to encourage school districts of diverse size and location to apply.

The bill provides that a participating school district must install school bus stop arm cameras received through the program on at least three school buses used by the school district. The bill provides that the department and participating school districts must jointly share the costs of purchasing and installing school bus stop arm cameras pursuant to the program, but the department's share cannot exceed \$15,000 per fiscal year.

The bill directs the department of education, in coordination with the department of administrative services, the department of transportation, and participating school districts, to submit a report on the program detailing program outcomes, findings, and recommendations to the general assembly by January 8, 2016.

The program is repealed effective June 30, 2016.