

**House File 608 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a class-size goal for  
2 school districts.

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

1 Section 1. Section 279.11, Code 2015, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **279.11 Number of schools — attendance — terms.**

4 The board of directors shall determine the number of schools  
5 to be taught, divide the corporation into such wards or other  
6 divisions for school purposes as may be proper, determine the  
7 particular school which each child shall attend, determine  
8 class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios, and designate the period  
9 each school shall be held beyond the time required by law. The  
10 school board shall set a maximum class size goal for grades  
11 four through twelve of not more than twenty-two students for  
12 every one teacher.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 The bill provides that the board of directors of a school  
17 district shall determine class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios,  
18 but shall set a maximum class size goal for grades 4 through 12  
19 of not more than 22 students for every 1 teacher.