

Senate File 2137 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2137
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3002)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school bus route ride time limitations.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 285.1, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. *a.* The board of directors of a school
4 district may extend the one-way riding time for an elementary
5 pupil, who is entitled to transportation pursuant to subsection
6 1, between the designated stop and the school designated for
7 attendance from sixty minutes to seventy-five minutes.

8 *b.* The board of directors of a school district may extend
9 the one-way riding time for an elementary or high school pupil,
10 who is entitled to transportation pursuant to subsection 1,
11 between the designated stop and the school designated for
12 attendance beyond seventy-five minutes if the board holds two
13 public hearings on a proposed resolution describing the change
14 to the bus route, notifies all affected persons of the proposed
15 change thirty days before the route change is made, and adopts
16 the resolution at the next regularly scheduled board meeting
17 following the public hearings. The board shall publish notice
18 of the time and place of each public hearing not less than
19 ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing in a
20 newspaper of general circulation in the school district and on
21 the school district's internet site.

22 *c.* The board of directors of a school district may extend
23 the one-way riding time for an elementary or high school pupil,
24 who is entitled to transportation pursuant to subsection 1,
25 between the designated stop and the school designated for
26 attendance or between the pupil's designated attendance center
27 and another attendance center for the purposes of meeting
28 specific educational needs.

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EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill authorizes school boards to extend one-way school
33 bus riding times for pupils in a number of ways.

34 First, a school board may extend the riding time limitation,
35 which is established for elementary pupils under rules adopted

1 by the state board of education, from 60 minutes to 75 minutes.

2 Second, a school board may extend the riding time for an
3 elementary or high school pupil beyond 75 minutes if the board
4 holds two public hearings on a proposed resolution describing
5 the bus route change, publishes notice of the public hearings,
6 notifies all affected persons of the proposed change 30 days
7 before the route change is made, and adopts the resolution at
8 the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

9 Finally, a school board may extend the riding time for
10 elementary or high school pupils for purposes of meeting
11 specific educational needs.