

**House File 197 - Introduced**

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BY WHEELER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the assignment of pupils who are siblings to  
2 classrooms by school districts.

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

1 Section 1. Section 279.11, Code 2019, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **279.11 Number of schools — attendance — terms — classroom**  
4 **assignment.**

5 1. The board of directors shall determine the number of  
6 schools to be taught, divide the corporation into such wards or  
7 other divisions for school purposes as may be proper, determine  
8 the particular school which each child shall attend, and  
9 designate the period each school shall be held beyond the time  
10 required by law.

11 2. A school district shall require school administrators  
12 to assign siblings who are enrolled in the school district  
13 and who are deemed by the school district to be at the same  
14 grade level academically to the same classroom if the siblings'  
15 parent or guardian submits to the school administrator, prior  
16 to the start of the school semester, a written request that the  
17 siblings be assigned to the same classroom.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill requires school districts to assign siblings  
22 who are deemed by the district to be at the same grade level  
23 academically to the same classroom if the siblings' parent  
24 or guardian submits to the school administrator, prior to  
25 the start of the school semester, a written request that the  
26 siblings be assigned to the same classroom.