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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to teacher licensure renewal requirements and
2 professional development activities for practitioners.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) License practitioners, which includes the authority
4 to establish criteria for the licenses; establish issuance
5 and renewal requirements; create application and renewal
6 forms; create licenses that authorize different instructional
7 functions or specialties; develop a code of professional rights
8 and responsibilities, practices, and ethics, which shall, among
9 other things, address the failure of a practitioner to fulfill
10 contractual obligations under [section 279.13](#); and develop any
11 other classifications, distinctions, and procedures which may
12 be necessary to exercise licensing duties. In addressing the
13 failure of a practitioner to fulfill contractual obligations,
14 the board shall consider factors beyond the practitioner's
15 control.

16 (2) Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall provide
17 that time spent engaged in professional development activities
18 at an amusement park cannot be used to meet license renewal
19 requirements unless the activities are held in a conference
20 facility or meeting room on the amusement park's property. Any
21 time spent at the amusement park itself, including time spent
22 engaged in professional development activities, cannot be used
23 to meet license renewal requirements.

24 Sec. 2. Section 284.6, subsection 8, Code 2020, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 8. a. For each year in which a school district receives
27 funds calculated and paid to school districts for professional
28 development pursuant to [section 257.10, subsection 10](#), or
29 [section 257.37A, subsection 2](#), the school district shall create
30 quality professional development opportunities. Not less than
31 thirty-six hours in the school calendar, held outside of the
32 minimum school day, shall be set aside during nonpreparation
33 time or designated professional development time to allow
34 practitioners to collaborate with each other to deliver
35 educational programs and assess student learning, or to engage

1 in peer review pursuant to [section 284.8, subsection 1](#). The
2 funds may be used to implement the professional development
3 provisions of the teacher career paths and leadership roles
4 specified in [section 284.15](#), including but not limited to
5 providing professional development to teachers, including
6 additional salaries for time beyond the normal negotiated
7 agreement; activities and pay to support a beginning teacher
8 mentoring and induction program that meets the requirements
9 of [section 284.5](#); pay for substitute teachers, professional
10 development materials, speakers, and professional development
11 content; textbooks and curriculum materials used for classroom
12 purposes if such textbooks and curriculum materials include
13 professional development; administering assessments pursuant to
14 section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "b", subparagraphs (1)
15 and (2), if such assessments include professional development;
16 and costs associated with implementing the individual
17 professional development plans. The use of the funds shall
18 be balanced between school district, attendance center,
19 and individual professional development plans, making every
20 reasonable effort to provide equal access to all teachers.

21 b. Funds calculated and paid to school districts for
22 professional development pursuant to section 257.10, subsection
23 10, or section 257.37A, subsection 2, shall not be used to
24 provide professional development activities at an amusement
25 park unless the activities are held in a conference facility
26 or meeting room on the amusement park's property. Such funds
27 shall not be used for time spent at the amusement park itself,
28 including time spent engaged in professional development
29 activities.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill provides that state moneys calculated and paid to
34 school districts for professional development activities cannot
35 be used for such activities at an amusement park itself and

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1 directs that the board of educational examiners' rules must
2 provide that time spent engaged in professional development
3 activities at an amusement park itself cannot be used to meet
4 license renewal requirements. However, if such activities are
5 held in a conference facility or meeting room on amusement park
6 property, state moneys can be used for the activities and the
7 activities can be used to meet licensure renewal requirements.