

House File 517 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 237)

(COMPANION TO SF 140 BY
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to special minor's driver's licenses for
2 students attending accredited nonpublic schools.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 2, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), Code
3 2019, are amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Over the most direct and accessible route between
5 the licensee's residence and schools of enrollment or the
6 closest school bus stop or public transportation service, and
7 between schools of enrollment, for the purpose of attending
8 duly scheduled courses of instruction and extracurricular
9 activities, provided the driving distance between the point of
10 origin and the destination is no more than ~~twenty-five~~ fifty
11 miles.

12 (b) Over the most direct and accessible route between
13 the licensee's residence or school of enrollment and a site,
14 facility, or school that is not the licensee's school of
15 enrollment, for the purpose of participating in extracurricular
16 activities conducted at a site, facility, or school designated
17 by the licensee's school of enrollment for the accommodation of
18 the school's extracurricular activities, provided the driving
19 distance between the point of origin and the destination is no
20 more than ~~twenty-five~~ fifty miles.

21 Sec. 2. Section 321.194, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code
22 2019, is amended to read as follows:

23 f. The driver's license shall not be issued for purposes
24 of attending an accredited nonpublic school if the driving
25 distance between the school and the residence of the parent or
26 guardian of the student is more than ~~twenty-five~~ fifty miles.

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EXPLANATION

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

30 This bill relates to operating restrictions on, and the
31 issuance of, special minor's driver's licenses for students
32 attending accredited nonpublic schools. Under Code section
33 321.194, a special minor's driver's license may be issued to
34 a student between the ages of 14 and 18 years if the student's
35 school has certified to the department of transportation that

1 the student has a special need for the license. A violation of
2 Code section 321.194 is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$50.

3 OPERATING RESTRICTIONS. For students attending accredited
4 nonpublic schools, Code section 321.194 currently limits
5 students to operating motor vehicles during the hours of 5:00
6 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. over the most direct and accessible route
7 between the student's residence and schools of enrollment
8 or the closest school bus stop or public transportation
9 service, and between schools of enrollment, for the purpose of
10 attending courses and extracurricular activities, and between
11 the student's residence or school of enrollment and a site,
12 facility, or school that is not the student's school, for
13 the purpose of participating in extracurricular activities,
14 provided the driving distance between the point of origin and
15 the destination is no more than 25 miles. The bill increases
16 this limitation to no more than 50 miles.

17 LICENSE ISSUANCE. Code section 321.194 prohibits a special
18 minor's driver's license from being issued to a student for
19 purposes of attending an accredited nonpublic school if the
20 driving distance between the school and the residence of the
21 parent or guardian of the student is more than 25 miles. The
22 bill increases this prohibition to more than 50 miles.