

**House Study Bill 592 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED STATE PUBLIC  
DEFENDER BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to video and telephonic hearings in criminal  
2 proceedings.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 602.1601A Video and telephonic  
2 hearings in criminal proceedings.

3 1. Upon motion of any of the parties, an arraignment,  
4 pretrial conference, scheduling conference, or any other  
5 noncontested criminal proceeding shall be conducted by  
6 videoconference or telephone with the parties and other  
7 participants.

8 2. Upon motion of any of the parties, a hearing in a  
9 criminal case may be conducted by videoconference or telephone  
10 with the parties and other participants if the hearing is  
11 conducted in an efficient manner and the hearing does not  
12 prejudice a substantial right of either party.

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 This bill relates to video and telephonic hearings in  
17 criminal proceedings.

18 The bill provides that upon motion of any party, an  
19 arraignment, pretrial conference, scheduling conference, or  
20 any other noncontested criminal proceeding shall be conducted  
21 by videoconference or telephone with the parties and other  
22 participants. Upon motion of any party, a hearing in a  
23 criminal case may be conducted with the parties and other  
24 participants by videoconference or telephone when the hearing  
25 can be handled efficiently and a substantial right of a party  
26 is not prejudiced.