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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act authorizing the boards of directors of school districts
- 2 to appoint student liaisons to the boards.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.3, Code 2024, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 279.3 Appointment of secretary and treasurer — student
4 liaison.

5 1. <u>a.</u> The board shall appoint a secretary who shall not be 6 a teacher employed by the board but may be another employee of 7 the board. The board shall also appoint a treasurer who may be 8 another employee of the board. However, the board may appoint 9 one person to serve as the secretary and the treasurer.

10 2. <u>b.</u> These officers shall be appointed from outside the 11 membership of the board and the appointment and qualification 12 shall be entered of record in the minutes of the secretary. 13 They shall qualify within ten days following appointment by 14 taking the oath of office in the manner required by section 15 277.28 and filing a bond as required by section 291.2 and shall 16 hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified. 17 2. *a.* The board shall develop and implement an application

18 and selection process for the position of student liaison, 19 who shall act as a liaison between the board, administrators,

20 teachers, the student council, and the general student

21 population. If an applicant for student liaison satisfies the 22 board's application and selection process, the board shall

23 select at least one applicant to act as a student liaison. 24 b. The student liaison shall have a seat at the table

24 <u>b.</u> The student liaison shall have a seat at the table
25 of all regular meetings of the board and board subcommittee
26 meetings in a nonvoting capacity, and shall have access to all

27 nonconfidential board meeting materials. The student liaison

28 may advocate for student interests in regular meetings of the

29 board, provide school administrators and board members with

30 student viewpoints, assist in developing and monitoring the

31 implementation of education policy, and volunteer to perform

32 other functions of benefit to the students and the district

33 that the board deems appropriate for a student to carry out.

34 *c.* The student liaison shall not do any of the following:

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35 (1) Participate in special meetings of the board.

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1 (2) Be involved in board meetings related to the discipline 2 of employees of the school district or students enrolled in the 3 school district. 4 (3) Have access to documents involving the discipline of 5 employees of the school district or students enrolled in the school district. 6 7 EXPLANATION 8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly. This bill authorizes the boards of directors of school 10 11 districts to select students to act as liaisons between

12 the board, administrators, teachers, the student council, 13 and the general student population. The board must develop 14 and implement an application and selection process. If an 15 applicant satisfies the application and selection process, 16 the board is required to select at least one applicant to act 17 as a student liaison. The student liaison must have a seat 18 at the table of all regular meetings of the board and board 19 subcommittee meetings in a nonvoting capacity and must also 20 have access to all nonconfidential board meeting materials. 21 The student liaison may perform functions of benefit to the 22 students and the district that the board deems appropriate for 23 a student to carry out.

The bill prohibits the student liaison from participating in special meetings of the board, being involved in board meetings related to employee or student discipline, or having access to documents involving employee or student discipline.

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