

**House File 2278 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 134)  
(SUCCESSOR TO HF 41)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the transportation to and from school of  
2 pupils participating in open enrollment.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 8, paragraph b, Code  
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) A receiving district with a total enrollment of  
4 less than two thousand students may send school vehicles not  
5 more than two miles into the district of residence of the  
6 pupil using the open enrollment option under this section,  
7 for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and from school  
8 in the receiving district, if the boards of both the sending  
9 and receiving districts agree to this arrangement pupil's  
10 primary residence is closer to the attendance center the pupil  
11 attends in the receiving district than the residence is to the  
12 attendance center the pupil would be assigned in the sending  
13 district.

14 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a receiving district  
15 with a total enrollment of greater than or equal to two  
16 thousand students may send school vehicles two miles or more  
17 into the district of residence of the pupil using the open  
18 enrollment option under this section, for the purpose of  
19 transporting the pupil to and from school in the receiving  
20 district, regardless of the distance between the pupil's  
21 primary residence and the attendance center the pupil attends  
22 in the receiving district or the attendance center the pupil  
23 would be assigned in the sending district, if all of the  
24 following apply:

25 (a) The total enrollment of the pupil's district of  
26 residence is less than two thousand students.

27 (b) The pupil's district of residence is contiguous to the  
28 receiving district.

29 (c) The pupil's district of residence has sent school  
30 vehicles into the receiving district pursuant to subparagraph  
31 (1).

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 This bill relates to the transportation to and from school

1 of pupils participating in open enrollment. Current law  
2 authorizes a receiving school district to send school vehicles  
3 into the district of residence of a pupil who open enrolls,  
4 for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and from school  
5 in the receiving school district, if the boards of directors  
6 of the sending school district and receiving school district  
7 agree to this arrangement. The bill strikes the requirement  
8 that the boards of directors of the sending school district and  
9 receiving school district agree to the arrangement.

10 The bill provides that a receiving district with a total  
11 enrollment of less than 2,000 students may send school vehicles  
12 not more than two miles into the district of residence of the  
13 pupil who open enrolls, for the purpose of transporting the  
14 pupil to and from school in the receiving district, if the  
15 pupil's primary residence is closer to the attendance center  
16 the pupil attends in the receiving district than the residence  
17 is to the attendance center the pupil would be assigned in the  
18 sending district. The bill also provides that a receiving  
19 district with a total enrollment of at least 2,000 students  
20 may send school vehicles two miles or more into the district  
21 of residence of the pupil who open enrolls, regardless of  
22 the distance between the pupil's primary residence and the  
23 attendance center the pupil attends in the receiving district  
24 or the attendance center the pupil would be assigned in the  
25 sending district, if the total enrollment of the pupil's  
26 district of residence is less than two thousand students, the  
27 pupil's district of residence is contiguous to the receiving  
28 district, and the pupil's district of residence has sent school  
29 vehicles into the receiving district.