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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing area education agencies to charge user fees to
2 nonpublic schools for materials and services provided.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 273.3, Code 2024, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19A. Pursuant to rules adopted by the
4 state board of education, be authorized to charge an accredited
5 nonpublic school a user fee for any materials and services
6 provided to the accredited nonpublic school or its students,
7 including services and programs as provided in sections
8 273.1, 273.2, this section, sections 273.4 through 273.8, and
9 chapter 256B, in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of the
10 materials and services provided.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 Area education agencies (AEAs) were created in order
15 to provide effective, efficient, and economical means of
16 identifying and serving children who require special education
17 by providing media services and other programs to K-12 pupils.
18 Services and materials required of AEAs by statute or rule are
19 funded by payments from school districts through the state
20 school foundation aid the school district receives for its
21 children requiring special education. AEAs are allowed to
22 charge a fee for services and materials a public or nonpublic
23 school requests the AEA to provide, but which AEAs are not
24 required to provide by statute or rule.

25 This bill allows AEAs to charge an accredited nonpublic
26 school a user fee for materials and services provided to the
27 accredited nonpublic school or its students in an amount not to
28 exceed the actual cost of the materials and services provided
29 for all services that the AEA provides.