Senate File 2346 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2034)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act creating an excuse from jury service for persons who are
- 2 between eighteen and twenty-one years of age and enrolled in
- 3 certain classes.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 607A.5, Code 2024, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 607A.5 Automatic excuse from jury service.
- 1. A person shall be excused from jury service if the
- 5 person submits written documentation verifying, to the court's
- 6 satisfaction, that the person is solely responsible for the
- 7 daily care of a person with a permanent disability living
- 8 in the person's household and that the performance of juror
- 9 service would cause substantial risk of injury to the health of
- 10 the person with a disability, or that the person is the mother
- 11 of a breastfed child and is responsible for the daily care of
- 12 the child. However, if the person is regularly employed at a
- 13 location other than the person's household, the person shall
- 14 not be excused under this section subsection.
- 15 2. A person shall be excused from jury service if the person
- 16 is between eighteen and twenty-one years of age and provides
- 17 the court with documentation that the person is enrolled
- 18 in high school classes, is a high school student attending
- 19 college-level classes at an institution as defined in section
- 20 261E.2, or is a high school student participating in career
- 21 and technical education programs or advanced college placement
- 22 courses provided by a school district or community college, and
- 23 wishes to be excused from jury service.
- 24 **EXPLANATION**
- 25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 27 This bill creates an automatic excuse from jury service. The
- 28 bill requires a court to excuse a person who is between the
- 29 ages of 18 and 21 and who provides the court with documentation
- 30 that the person is enrolled in high school classes, is a high
- 31 school student attending college-level courses, or is a high
- 32 school student participating in career and technical education
- 33 programs or advance college placement courses provided by a
- 34 school district or community college, if the person wishes to
- 35 be excused from jury service.

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