

**House File 2424 - Introduced**

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BY CROKEN

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to settlement agreements involving a county or a  
2 city.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **331.351 Settlement agreements.**

2 1. The county may enter a settlement agreement that resolves  
3 a legal dispute claiming monetary damages, equitable relief, or a  
4 violation of a rule or statute. The board shall publish a notice  
5 of the time and place of a public hearing on the settlement no  
6 less than four nor more than twenty days before the hearing. The  
7 board may approve the settlement agreement at the public hearing.

8 2. The county shall not implement the settlement agreement or  
9 make any payments pursuant to the settlement agreement until the  
10 agreement has been approved by the board at the public hearing.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **364.26 Settlement agreements.**

12 1. The city may enter a settlement agreement that resolves a  
13 legal dispute claiming monetary damages, equitable relief, or a  
14 violation of a rule or statute. The council shall publish notice  
15 of the time and place of a public hearing on the settlement no  
16 less than four nor more than twenty days before the hearing.  
17 The council may approve the settlement agreement at the public  
18 hearing.

19 2. The city shall not implement the settlement agreement or  
20 make any payments pursuant to the settlement agreement until the  
21 agreement has been approved by the council at the public hearing.

22 **EXPLANATION**

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

25 This bill requires the county board of supervisors or the city  
26 council to hold a public hearing on any settlement agreement  
27 that the county or the city has entered. Before implementing  
28 the settlement agreement or making any payments pursuant to  
29 the agreement, the board or council must approve the settlement  
30 agreement at the public hearing. The board or council shall  
31 publish a notice of the time and place of the public hearing no  
32 less than 4 nor more than 20 days before the public hearing.