

House File 896 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 613)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the maximum driving distance for persons
2 issued a special minor's restricted driver's license who
3 participate in open enrollment.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.194, subsection 4, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) To attend duly scheduled courses of instruction.
4 However, a licensee who attends a public school and resides
5 within that public school district may operate a motor vehicle
6 between the licensee's residence and school regardless of the
7 distance, and a licensee participating in open enrollment under
8 section 282.18 may operate a motor vehicle no more than forty
9 miles between the licensee's residence and school.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 Under current law, a person between the ages of 14 and 18
14 years who holds a special minor's restricted license (licensee)
15 is authorized to operate a motor vehicle without supervision
16 between certain approved locations for a number of purposes
17 during specified times, including to attend duly scheduled
18 courses of instruction regardless of whether the licensee is
19 receiving competent private instruction or independent private
20 instruction, or is enrolled in a public school or accredited
21 nonpublic school. A licensee is authorized to operate a motor
22 vehicle during the hour before and after the beginning and end
23 of the licensee's duly scheduled courses of instruction. The
24 driving distance between the point of origin and the destination
25 cannot exceed 25 miles, unless the licensee attends a public
26 school and resides within that public school district, in which
27 case the licensee may operate a motor vehicle between the
28 licensee's residence and school regardless of the distance.

29 This bill authorizes a licensee participating in open
30 enrollment to operate a motor vehicle no more than 40 miles,
31 rather than 25 miles, between the licensee's residence and
32 school.

33 A licensee who violates the restrictions of a special minor's
34 restricted license commits a simple misdemeanor, classified
35 as a moving violation, punishable by a \$70 scheduled fine.

1 Additionally, the department of transportation must suspend the
2 license for three months and is prohibited from issuing an
3 intermediate license to the person for an additional three months
4 following the person's sixteenth birthday.

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