

House Study Bill 636 - Introduced

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EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting school districts, charter schools, and
2 innovation zone schools from entering into certain specified
3 contracts with public libraries and hosting mobile libraries.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0s. Be subject to and comply with the
4 requirements of section 279.89 relating to prohibitions regarding
5 mobile libraries and agreements with public libraries in the same
6 manner as a school district.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0q. Be subject to and comply with the
10 requirements of section 279.89 relating to prohibitions regarding
11 mobile libraries and agreements with public libraries in the same
12 manner as a school district.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **279.89 Prohibitions — public**
14 **libraries.**

15 1. As used in this section:

16 a. "Mobile library" means a motor vehicle that is owned or
17 operated by a public library and that is used to transport books
18 and other educational materials.

19 b. "Public library" means all of the following:

20 (1) A library established by city ordinance.

21 (2) A library district as provided in chapter 336.

22 2. The board of directors of a school district shall not do
23 any of the following:

24 a. Enter into any agreement with a public library that
25 allows students enrolled in the school district to utilize
26 identification cards issued by the school district to access any
27 books, electronic resources, or other educational materials at
28 the public library.

29 b. Allow a mobile library to access school district property
30 for purposes of hosting or participating in an event that allows
31 students enrolled in the school district to check out books from
32 the mobile library.

33 **EXPLANATION**

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

1 This bill prohibits school districts, charter schools, and
2 innovation zone schools from entering into certain specified
3 contracts with public libraries and hosting mobile libraries.

4 The bill prohibits these schools from entering into any
5 agreement with a public library that allows students to utilize
6 identification cards issued by the school to access any books,
7 electronic resources, or other educational materials at the
8 public library. Additionally, the bill prohibits these schools
9 from allowing a mobile library to access school property for
10 purposes of hosting or participating in an event that allows
11 students to check out books from the mobile library.

12 The bill defines "mobile library" to mean a motor vehicle
13 that is owned or operated by a public library and that is used
14 to transport books and other educational materials. The bill
15 defines "public library" to mean a library established by city
16 ordinance and a library district as provided in Code chapter 336
17 (library districts).