

Senate File 177 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 177
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the ability of persons to examine the public
- 2 records of school districts.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.87 Examination of public**
2 **records — enforcement.**

3 The board of directors of a school district shall comply
4 with all applicable provisions of chapter 22. If the board
5 of directors of a school district fails to comply with any
6 applicable provision of chapter 22, a person aggrieved by the
7 board of directors' failure may enforce the person's rights under
8 chapter 22 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 22, including
9 sections 22.5 and 22.10.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the ability of persons to examine the
14 public records of school districts.

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The bill requires the board of directors of a school district
16 to comply with all applicable provisions of Code chapter 22
17 (examination of public records). If the board of directors of
18 a school district fails to comply with Code chapter 22, a person
19 aggrieved by the board of directors' failure may enforce the
20 person's rights pursuant to Code chapter 22, which includes the
21 ability to seek a writ of mandamus or an injunction and other
22 types of civil enforcement mechanisms under Code section 22.10.
23 Civil enforcement mechanisms include payments of monetary damages
24 by the lawful custodian who violated Code chapter 22, payment of
25 costs and reasonable attorney fees, and, for repeat offenses, an
26 order removing the person from office.