

Senate File 186 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school districts, including by modifying
2 provisions related to the executive officers of the boards of
3 directors of school districts and authorizing residents and
4 employees to request audits of school districts.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 279.8, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. The board shall make rules for its own government and
4 that of the directors, officers, employees, teachers and pupils,
5 and for the care of the schoolhouse, grounds, and property of
6 the school corporation, and shall aid in the enforcement of the
7 rules, and require the performance of duties imposed by law and
8 the rules. The board shall annually elect an executive officer
9 of the board, and the superintendent shall not serve as the
10 executive officer of the board. The board shall include in its
11 rules provisions regulating the loading and unloading of pupils
12 from a school bus stopped on the highway during a period of
13 reduced highway visibility caused by fog, snow or other weather
14 conditions. The board shall have the authority to include in
15 its rules provisions allowing school corporation employees to use
16 school credit cards to pay for the actual and necessary expenses
17 incurred in the performance of work-related duties.

18 Sec. 2. Section 279.20, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 1. The board of directors of a school district may employ
21 a superintendent of schools for a term of not to exceed
22 three years. However, the board's initial contract with a
23 superintendent shall not exceed one year if the board is
24 obligated to pay a former superintendent under an unexpired
25 contract. ~~The superintendent shall be the executive officer of~~
26 ~~the board and~~ have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by
27 rules adopted by the board or by law. Boards of directors may
28 jointly exercise the powers conferred by this section.

29 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **279.87 Audit of school district**
30 **spending.**

31 If a resident of a school district or an employee of a school
32 district believes that the school district is improperly spending
33 school district moneys, the resident or employee may report the
34 improper spending to the county auditor of the county in which
35 the school district's central administrative office is located

1 and request that the county auditor audit the school district's
2 financial condition and transactions.

3 EXPLANATION

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

6 This bill relates to school districts, including by modifying
7 provisions related to the executive officers of the boards of
8 directors of school districts and authorizing residents and
9 employees to request audits of school districts.

10 Current law provides that the superintendent of a school
11 district is the executive officer of the board of directors
12 of the school district. The bill strikes this provision and
13 requires the board of directors of a school district to annually
14 elect an executive officer of the board who shall not be the
15 superintendent.

16 The bill provides that if a resident or employee of a
17 school district reasonably believes that the school district
18 is improperly spending school district moneys, the resident
19 or employee may report the improper spending to the county
20 auditor of the county in which the school district's central
21 administrative office is located and request that the county
22 auditor audit the school district's financial condition and
23 transactions.