

Senate File 344 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the boards of directors of school districts
2 to allow certain community organizations reasonable access to
3 school property.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 297.9, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **297.9 Use for other than school purposes.**

4 1. The board of directors of any school district may
5 authorize the use of any schoolhouse and its grounds within
6 such district for the purpose of meetings of granges, lodges,
7 agricultural societies, and similar societies, for parent-teacher
8 associations, for community recreational activities, community
9 education programs, election purposes, other meetings of public
10 interest, public forums and similar community purposes; provided
11 that such use shall in no way interfere with school activities;
12 such use to be for such compensation and upon such terms
13 and conditions as may be fixed by said board for the proper
14 protection of the schoolhouse and the property belonging therein,
15 including that of pupils, except that in the case of community
16 education programs, any compensation necessary for programs
17 provided specifically by community education and not those
18 provided through community education by other agencies or
19 organizations shall be compensated from the funding provided for
20 community education programs.

21 2. a. The board of directors of each school district
22 shall allow a community organization reasonable access to any
23 schoolhouse and its grounds within such district to distribute
24 and provide instructional materials in order to encourage
25 participation in the community organization.

26 b. The board of directors of each school district shall
27 establish terms and conditions governing the reasonable access
28 provided to a community organization under paragraph "a" to
29 provide for the proper protection of students enrolled in
30 the school district, employees of the school district, the
31 schoolhouse, and the property within the schoolhouse. The terms
32 and conditions governing the reasonable access must satisfy all
33 of the following requirements:

34 (1) Prohibit a community organization from interfering with
35 classroom instructional time.

