

**Senate File 410 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 410  
BY SIRES

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to public comment periods during regular meetings  
2 and special meetings of the boards of directors of school  
3 districts.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.2A Public comment — regular**  
2 **meetings and special meetings.**

3 1. The board of directors of each school district shall do  
4 all of the following:

5 a. Provide a reasonable amount of time during each regular  
6 meeting and special meeting to receive public comment.

7 b. Allow each interested member of the public to speak during  
8 the public comment period; provided, however, that the board of  
9 directors may impose a time limit on the amount of time a member  
10 of the public is allowed to speak if the time limit is the same  
11 for each speaker and necessary due to the amount of members of  
12 the public wishing to speak.

13 2. The board of directors of a school district shall not  
14 require a member of the public to be placed on the regular  
15 meeting's or special meeting's agenda prior to the meeting in  
16 order for the member of the public to speak during the public  
17 comment period.

18 **EXPLANATION**

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

21 This bill relates to public comment periods during regular  
22 meetings and special meetings of the boards of directors of  
23 school districts.

24 The bill requires the board of directors of each school  
25 district to provide a reasonable amount of time during each  
26 regular meeting and special meeting to receive public comment and  
27 to allow each interested member of the public to speak during the  
28 public comment period. The bill prohibits the board of directors  
29 of a school district from requiring a member of the public to  
30 be placed on the meeting's agenda prior to the meeting in order  
31 for the member of the public to speak during the public comment  
32 period.