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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the boards of directors of school districts to
2 appoint student liaisons to the boards.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 69. Develop and distribute to school
4 districts a model application and selection process for the
5 position of student liaison that is required to be appointed
6 to the board of directors of a school district pursuant to
7 section 279.3, subsection 2. The model application and selection
8 process shall contain examples of the applications and selection
9 processes used by school districts to include a student liaison
10 or other student representative on the school district's board of
11 directors.

12 Sec. 2. Section 279.3, Code 2025, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **279.3 Appointment of secretary and treasurer — student**
15 **liaison.**

16 1. a. The board shall appoint a secretary who shall not be
17 a teacher employed by the board but may be another employee of
18 the board. The board shall also appoint a treasurer who may be
19 another employee of the board. However, the board may appoint
20 one person to serve as the secretary and the treasurer.

21 ~~2.~~ b. These officers shall be appointed from outside the
22 membership of the board and the appointment and qualification
23 shall be entered of record in the minutes of the secretary. They
24 shall qualify within ten days following appointment by taking
25 the oath of office in the manner required by section 277.28 and
26 filing a bond or obtaining an insurance policy as required by
27 section 291.2 and shall hold office until their successors are
28 appointed and qualified.

29 2. a. The board shall develop and implement an application
30 and selection process for the position of student liaison,
31 who shall act as a liaison between the board, administrators,
32 teachers, the student council, and the general student
33 population. If an applicant for student liaison satisfies the
34 board's application and selection process, the board shall select
35 at least one applicant to act as a student liaison.

1 special meetings of the board, being involved in board meetings
2 related to employee or student discipline, or having access to
3 documents involving employee or student discipline.

4 The bill requires the director of the department of education
5 to develop and distribute to school districts a model application
6 and selection process for the position of student liaison.

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