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BY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW  
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(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 720)

(COMPANION TO SF 2291 BY  
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(As Amended and Passed by the House March 2, 2022)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to para-educators holding substitute  
2 authorizations and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PARA-EDUCATORS HOLDING SUBSTITUTE AUTHORIZATIONS  
2 — 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

3 1. For the school year beginning July 1, 2021, a  
4 para-educator certified under section 272.12 with a substitute  
5 authorization may substitute in any classroom in grades  
6 pre-kindergarten through twelve, except a driver's education  
7 classroom.

8 2. A school district shall make a good-faith effort to  
9 employ a substitute teacher who is not a para-educator before  
10 employing a para-educator for a position pursuant to subsection  
11 1. A school district employing a para-educator as a substitute  
12 pursuant to subsection 1 shall compensate the person at the  
13 higher rate of either the school district's substitute pay per  
14 diem or the hourly pay to which the para-educator is otherwise  
15 entitled.

16 3. The board of educational examiners may adopt emergency  
17 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5,  
18 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of  
19 this section and the rules shall be effective immediately upon  
20 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any  
21 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be  
22 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section  
23 17A.4.

24 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
25 importance, takes effect upon enactment.