HOUSE FILE 2278
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 134)
(SUCCESSOR TO HF 41)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 28, 2024)
[= New Language by the House

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the transportation to and from school of pupils participating in open enrollment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 8, paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

b. (1) A receiving district with a total enrollment of less than two thousand students may send school vehicles not more than two miles into the district of residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and from school in the receiving district, if the ~~boards of both the sending and receiving districts agree to this arrangement~~ pupil's primary residence is closer to the attendance center the pupil attends in the receiving district than the residence is to the attendance center the pupil would be assigned in the sending district.

(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a receiving district with a total enrollment of greater than or equal to two thousand students may send school vehicles two miles or more into the district of residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and from school in the receiving district, regardless of the distance between the pupil's primary residence and the attendance center the pupil attends in the receiving district or the attendance center the pupil would be assigned in the sending district, if all of the following apply:

(a) The total enrollment of the pupil's district of residence is less than two thousand students.

(b) The pupil's district of residence is contiguous to the receiving district.

(c) The pupil's district of residence has sent school vehicles into the receiving district pursuant to subparagraph (1).

(3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1) or (2), a receiving district may send school vehicles into the district of residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and

from school in the receiving district, if the boards of both the sending and receiving districts agree to this arrangement.]