

**CHAPTER 183**  
**HARBORING OR ENTICING A CHILD**  
*S.F. 401*

**AN ACT** relating to the harboring or enticing away of children and providing penalties.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 710.8 HARBORING A RUNAWAY CHILD PROHIBITED  
— PENALTY.

1. As used in this section and section 726.9 unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "Criminal act" means the violation of any federal or state law.
  - b. "Harbor" means to provide aid, support, or shelter.
  - c. "Runaway child" means a person under eighteen years of age who is voluntarily absent from the person's home without the consent of the person's parent, guardian, or custodian.
2. A person shall not harbor a runaway child with the intent of committing a criminal act involving the child or with the intent of enticing or forcing the runaway child to commit a criminal act.
3. A person convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 710.9 CIVIL LIABILITY FOR HARBORING A RUNAWAY CHILD.

A parent, guardian, or custodian of a runaway child has a right of action against a person who harbored the runaway child in violation of section 710.8 for expenses sustained in the search for the child, for damages sustained due to physical or emotional distress due to the absence of the child, and for punitive damages.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 710.10 ENTICING AWAY A CHILD.

1. A person commits a class "D" felony when, without authority and with the intent to commit an illegal act upon the child, the person entices away a minor.
2. A person commits an aggravated misdemeanor when, without authority and with the intent to commit an illegal act upon the child, the person attempts to entice away a child.

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