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House File 115

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Schools and Text Books.

By POSTON.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend Chapter Two hundred seventy-nine (279), Code 1946,
relating to the transportation of public school pupils.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred seventy-nine point nineteen
2 (279.19) is amended by striking the words "designated for their
3 attendance" in line eight (8) and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 words "they attend".
5 Said section is further amended by striking all of line
6 nine (9) after the word "board" and all of lines ten (10), eleven
7 (11), and twelve (12) and the word "fund" in line thirteen (13)
8 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "may require the parent
9 to transport his children to the school they attend or to meet
10 the vehicle of transportation to the school designated by the
11 board but the board shall pay the parent a reasonable
12 compensation for this service, or it shall contract with some
13 person outside the board for such transportation. The pro rata
14 cost in either case, not to exceed fifteen (15) cents per mile
15 actually traveled, shall be paid from the general fund of the
16 school corporation".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 115

This section in the Code as now written makes it mandatory upon the township district school board, where a school is closed, to provide transportation to a family living more than two miles from the school. This provision is proper and right as long as the school patron is reasonable and does not impose on the school board and public. There have been innumerable instances over the state where school patrons have received compensation all out of proportion to what their neighbors have received for the same work, because the law as it is now written requires the school board to furnish such transportation regardless of the price asked by the patron to transport his own pupils, or some contracting party. This bill is intended to place the board in a position so that it will not be imposed upon by an unscrupulous person.