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Schools and Text Books.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred seventy-nine point thirteen (279.13), Code 1946, relating to contracts of teachers, superintendents, and other certificated school employees, and to provide for a preliminary hearing and discussion of the causes for dissatisfaction before notice of termination of contract is given by a board of education to such school employees.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred seventy-nine point thirteen,
2 (279.13), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking all after
3 the period in line eighteen (18) of the second paragraph of
4 said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "That no notice of termination of contract between a board
6 of education and teacher or superintendent shall be given until
7 preceded by a preliminary hearing and discussion of the causes
8 for dissatisfaction. At least two-thirds of the membership of
9 the board of education, the teacher, the superintendent, and
10 and desired counsel or witness shall participate in such hearing.
11 The defendant may waive the right to such hearing if he so
12 desires. Upon the conclusion of the hearing the board shall
13 determine the question of continuance or discontinuance of the

14 contract by a roll call vote entered in the minutes of the
15 board, and the action of the board shall be final.

16 The term teacher as used in this law shall include all
17 certificated school employees.

18 Nothing in this act shall invalidate the right of a school
19 board to extend a three-year contract to a superintendent as
20 provided in section two hundred seventy-nine point fourteen
21 (279.14), Code 1946.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 141

This proposal, an amendment to the continuing contract law, would require that no notice of termination of contract between a board of education and teacher or superintendent shall be given until preceded by a preliminary hearing and discussion of the causes of dissatisfaction. At least two-thirds of the membership of the board of education, the teacher, the superintendent and any desired counsel or witness shall participate in such hearing. The defendant may waive the right to such hearing if he so desires.

This bill also proposes that all certified school employees, including superintendents, would be included under the continuing contract law.