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Schools and Textbooks.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the organization and regulation of
school board associations.

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

1 Section 1. This act has for its purpose the education
2 of school board members as to their duties and responsibilities
3 so as to improve the economical and efficient management of the
4 public schools, through associations of school boards. The
5 activities of any association, which complies with this act,
6 are hereby declared to constitute a public purpose.

1 Sec. 2. Boards of education and boards of directors
2 (herewith called "school boards") are hereby authorized to form,
3 join and provide for the expenses of associations of Iowa
4 school boards formed for the purpose of conducting county or
5 regional school board institutes and otherwise disseminating
6 and interchanging information regarding school board problems,
7 duties and responsibilities, provided such associations comply
8 with the requirements of this act.

1 Sec. 3. Within thirty (30) days after the adoption
2 by any such association of its constitution or by-laws or any
3 amendment thereto, it shall file a copy thereof, duly certified

4 by its president and executive director, with the governor and
5 with the state superintendent of public instruction and with
6 the county superintendent of schools of each county in which
7 it has any membership in any such association. Any school
8 board association organized prior to the adoption of this act,
9 shall so file a certified copy of its present constitution or
10 by-laws within thirty (30) days after the effective date of
11 this act.

1 Sec. 4. The constitution or by-laws of any such
2 association shall provide for the election of its officers
3 and governing body at an annual meeting of the association,
4 or in some other manner which will insure that all member
5 boards have an equal opportunity to participate in the
6 election.

1 Sec. 5. Any such association shall admit to its
2 membership any school board whose district lies wholly or in
3 part within the area covered by such association except that
4 any such association may restrict its membership to boards
5 of education or to boards of directors.

1 Sec. 6. Each such association shall make an annual
2 report within sixty (60) days after the close of its fiscal
3 year to the state superintendent of public instruction and to
4 the county superintendent of schools of each county in which
5 it has members, setting forth the activities of the
6 association for the preceding fiscal year, the institutes held,
7 the subjects discussed, and the attendance, and shall furnish

8 the governor, the state superintendent of public instruction
9 and such county superintendents with copies of all publications
10 sent to its members.

1 Sec. 7. No school board member shall receive any
2 compensation for service rendered to any such association,
3 whether as an officer or otherwise, but shall only be entitled
4 to reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in the work of
5 such association.

1 Sec. 8. Any board of directors of any school district
2 may become and be a member of any association of school boards
3 which is duly authorized and existing under and by virtue of
4 the laws of the state of Iowa and may pay out of the general
5 funds of the district any membership dues in such association
6 as fixed by such association. In addition any such board of
7 directors may pay, out of the general fund of the district,
8 the actual, necessary expenses of its member delegates to any
9 meeting of the association of school boards of which it is a
10 member.

1 Sec. 9. Any county board of education may become a member
2 of any association of school boards which is duly authorized
3 and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of
4 Iowa and its annual dues in such association, as fixed by such
5 association, shall be audited by the board of supervisors and
6 paid out of the general fund of its county. In addition to
7 the actual, necessary expenses which may be paid to members
8 of such county boards of education under the provisions of

9 section two hundred seventy-three point two (273.2), Code 1946,
10 any of its members, who shall serve as its delegates to any
11 meeting of the association of school boards of which it is a
12 member shall be allowed his actual, necessary expenses in
13 performing his duties as such delegate, to be audited by the
14 board of supervisors and paid out of the general fund of its
15 county.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 408

The major thought underlying this bill is that the school boards and county boards of education of the State of Iowa have problems that are common to all; heretofore there has been no sufficiently efficient association of such school boards where there might be an exchange of thoughts and ideas that would be beneficial to all local school boards in meeting such problems. Particularly, at this time, is the need of an association felt, because never in the history of school administration, have problems of such complexity arisen to confront school boards and school board members.

The Iowa Association of School Boards has been in existence for a number of years. It feels that it can greatly enlarge its organization and improve its efficiency if it may be given a legal status and unquestionable authority of school boards to be members of it.

It is believed an organization of this kind can be of valuable assistance to the legislature of the State of Iowa as an organization through which legislators may have an opportunity to become better acquainted with the needs of public schools from the viewpoint of school boards.