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By AERONAUTICS COMMITTEE.

A BILL FOR

An Act to authorize political subdivisions of the state of Iowa to acquire property for airport or air navigation facility purposes, subject to conditions, and to exercise the powers granted by Chapters three hundred twenty-nine (329) and three hundred thirty (330) with respect thereto.

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

1 Section 1. Any political subdivision within this state may
2 acquire by purchase, gift, lease or otherwise, either within or
3 without its corporate limits and either within or without the
4 territorial limits of this state, property for airport or air
5 navigation facility purposes from any other political subdivision
6 or agency of this or any other state or of the United States of
7 America, subject to any conditions which may be attached thereto
8 and may, with respect to such property, exercise any of the powers
9 granted by Chapters three hundred twenty-nine (329) and three
10 hundred thirty (330), Code 1946.

1 Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall
2 be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the
3, a newspaper published at,
4 Iowa, and in the, a newspaper published
5 at, Iowa.

17 tion shall be paid.

18 (2) In rural independent districts, or school
19 township districts or consolidated districts not operating
20 a central school, all elementary pupils who reside more
21 than two miles from the public school in the district or
22 subdistrict or from any other public school in the
23 district which the board may designate for attendance.
24 When the school in the district or subdistrict is closed
25 for lack of pupils or by action of the board and the school
26 designated for such attendance is outside the school
27 corporation only those who attend the school designated.
28 If in a school township which operates an approved public
29 high school, any of the subdistrict schools are closed
30 for lack of pupils, or by action of the board, and the
31 central school is designated for attendance all elementary
32 pupils who reside more than one mile from such school.
33 All pupils eligible to attend high school who reside more
34 than one mile from the high school in the assigned
35 transportation service area.

36 The board in designating schools for attendance of
37 elementary children from closed schools shall, if there
38 is school bus service available, designate the school
39 operating the buses as the school for attendance; provided,
40 such school is willing to receive the pupils. The board
41 of the district where such pupils reside may with the appro-
42 val of the county board designate another rural school

43 and provide their own transportation if the transportation
44 costs will be less than on the school bus. The pro rata
45 cost, not to exceed fifty dollars per pupil per year
46 when pupils are transported in buses of the receiving
47 school, but if the sending district owns and operates
48 school buses or contracts for transportation, the full
49 cost of such operation or service shall be paid.

50 (3) Any pupil may be required to meet the school
51 bus at a designated stop on a bus route, not to exceed
52 three-fourths of a mile from the residence of the pupil.

53 (4) In any district where transportation by school
54 bus is impracticable or where school bus service is
55 not available, the board may require the parents or
56 guardian to transport their children to the school
57 designated for attendance. For elementary children the
58 parent or guardian shall be reimbursed at the rate of
59 twenty cents (20c) per mile per day for the distance from
60 the pupils residence to the school. For high school
61 pupils, the parent or guardian shall be reimbursed
62 fifty dollars (\$50) per pupil per year.

63 (5) In all districts where unsatisfactory roads or
64 other conditions make it advisable the board at its
65 discretion may require parents or guardians to transport
66 their children not to exceed two miles to connect with
67 a vehicle of transportation. For elementary and high
68 school students in consolidated districts operating a

69 central school and city, town or village independent districts
70 and for elementary pupils in all other districts parents
71 or guardians shall be allowed twenty cents (20c) per mile
72 per day for the distance in excess of three-fourths of a
73 mile from pupils residence to the designated stop on
74 the bus route. For high school students from districts
75 not operating a high school who live more than three-fourths
76 of a mile from a bus route in the approved transportation
77 service area special arrangements for transportation shall
78 be made as approved to the state superintendent of public
79 instruction and payment for such service shall be fifty
80 dollars per pupil per year.

81 (6) Board and room allowance in lieu of transportation
82 of fifty dollars (\$50) per pupil per year for pupils who
83 attend an approved public high school shall be allowed
84 to the parents or guardians when it is determined that
85 transportation by bus is not available or transportation
86 by parents is neither feasible or practicable and such
87 arrangement is approved by the county board.

88 (7) Where transportation by school bus is impracticable
89 or not available or existing conditions warrant it,
90 arrangements may be made for use of common carriers
91 according to uniform standards established by the state
92 superintendent of public instruction. The cost shall
93 be the actual cost of service not to exceed fifty dollars
94 (\$50) per pupil per year.

95 (8) Transportation services may be suspended upon
96 any day or days, due to inclemency of the weather, condition
97 of roads, or the existence of other conditions, by the
98 board of the school district operating the buses, when
99 in their judgment it is deemed advisable.

100 (9) Distance to school shall in all cases be measured
101 on the public highway only and by the most practicable
102 route, starting in the roadway opposite the private entrance
103 to the residence of the pupil and ending in the roadway
104 opposite the entrance to the school grounds.

105 (10) All transportation arrangements are subject to
106 review and final approval by the state superintendent of
107 public instruction.

108 (11) The board in any district operating vehicles of
109 transportation and providing transportation for nonresident
110 pupils shall collect the actual pro rata cost of trans-
111 portation not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per pupil per
112 year.

113 (12) The pro rata cost of transportation shall be
114 based on the actual cost of transportation on all bus routes
115 for all children transported. The cost shall include a
116 pro rata portion of the cost of the bus according to a
117 schedule prescribed by the superintendent of public
118 instruction.

119 (13) When a school has been closed and the board
120 of directors fails to make necessary arrangements for school

121 facilities and transportation by August 10, or when any
122 board fails to make transportation arrangements as required
123 by law the county board of education shall make all
124 arrangements which shall be binding on the local board.

125 (14) Any school operating transportation equipment
126 may transport pupils from one rural school to another but
127 shall collect the pro rata cost from the resident districts;
128 provided the arrangements are recommended by the county
129 board of education and approved by the state superintendent
130 of public instruction.

131 (15) Any school district may provide transportation
132 for pupils who attend public school and are not entitled
133 to free transportation.

134 (16) When a local board fails to pay transportation
135 costs due to another school for transportation services
136 rendered, the board of the creditor corporation shall file
137 a sworn statement with the county board of education
138 specifying the amount due. The county board of education
139 shall check such claim and if the claim is valid shall so
140 certify to the county auditor. The auditor shall transmit
141 to the county treasurer an order directing him to transfer
142 the amount of such claim from the funds of the debtor
143 corporation to the creditor corporation and the treasurer
144 shall pay the same accordingly."

145 (17) Every school district required by law to furnish
146 free transportation to pupils shall be reimbursed by the

147 state for transportation costs incurred in the amount and
148 manner as provided in this chapter.

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “eighteen” in lines three (3) and four (4) and substituting
4 in lieu thereof the word “twenty-three”.

1 Sec. 3. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “eighteen” in line four (4) subsection one a (1 a) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-three”.

1 Sec. 4. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “eighteen” in line four (4) subsection one b (1 b) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-three”.

1 Sec. 5. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “nineteen” in line five (5) subsection one b (1 b) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-four”.

1 Sec. 6. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “nineteen” in line three (3) subsection one c (1 c) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-four”.

1 Sec. 7. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “twenty-one” in lines four (4) and five (5) subsection one c
4 (1 c) and substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-six”.

1 Sec. 8. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “seventeen” in line four (4) subsection one d (1 d) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-one”.

1 Sec. 9. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “sixteen” in line four (4) subsection one e (1 e) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-one”.

1 Sec. 10. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “eighteen” in line one (1) subsection two a (2 a) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-three”.

1 Sec. 11. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “eighteen” in line one (1) subsection two b (2 b) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-three”.

1 Sec. 12. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the word
3 “eighteen” in line three (3) subsection three (3) and
4 substituting in lieu thereof the word “twenty-three”.

1 Sec. 13. Section two hundred eighty-five point two
2 (285.2), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the
3 semicolon in line six (6) of the last paragraph and all the
4 rest of the paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof a
5 “period (.)” together with the following: “In school
6 districts where transportation by school bus is not

7 practicable or available, and approved special transportation
8 arrangements are made, the distribution formula shall be
9 waived and the reimbursement from the state shall be limited
10 to twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per pupil per school year.
11 In no event shall any district be reimbursed in any amount
12 in excess of the actual cost per pupil per year.

13 Reimbursement from the state for transportation costs
14 incurred shall be paid to:

15 (1) Districts for transportation provided to its
16 own school for all pupils entitled to free transportation.

17 (2) Districts for transportation provided to another
18 school for all pupils entitled to free transportation.

19 (3) Districts for transportation provided to pupils
20 who are entitled to transportation in a second district
21 but who are transported to a third district.

22 When the pupils from the sending district are transported
23 by the receiving district the reimbursement will be made to
24 the receiving district and shall constitute a credit to the
25 sending district on the cost of transportation. The
26 receiving district in billing the sending district shall
27 bill only for the difference between the state reimbursement
28 and the actual cost of transportation not to exceed fifty
29 dollars (\$50) per pupil per year.

1 Sec. 14. Section two hundred eighty-five point four
2 (285.4), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 15. Section two hundred eighty-five point five

2 (285.5), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 16. Section two hundred eighty-five point
2 eight (285.8), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking
3 subsection two (2), three (3), and four (4), and substituting
4 in lieu thereof the following, renumbering the subsections
5 accordingly:

6 (1) Review and approve all transportation arrangements.

7 (2) Prescribe uniform standards and regulations;

8 (a) for the efficient operation and maintenance
9 of school transportation equipment and for the protection
10 of the health and safety of children transported.

11 (b) for standards of safety in construction of
12 school transportation equipment.

13 (c) for procedures for purchasing of all trans-
14 portation equipment.

15 (d) as deemed necessary for the efficient adminis-
16 tration of this act.

17 (3) Inspect or cause to be inspected all vehicles
18 used to transport school children to determine if the
19 vehicles may be operated with safety, comfort, and economy.

20 When it is determined such further use of any vehicle is
21 dangerous to the pupils transported and the safety and
22 welfare of the traveling public, the department shall order
23 such vehicle to be withdrawn from further use on a specified
24 date. Vehicles which do not conform to all the requirements
25 of the department may be issued a temporary certificate of

26 operation provided that such vehicles can be operated with
27 safety provided further that no such certificate shall be
28 issued for a period in excess of one year and may not be
29 renewed. All equipment can be required to be altered,
30 or safety equipment added in order to make vehicles
31 reasonably safe for operation.

1 Sec. 17. Section two hundred eighty-five point
2 nine (285.9), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking all
3 of subsection two (2).

1 Sec. 18. Section two hundred eighty-five point
2 eleven (285.11), Code 1946, is hereby amended by adding
3 the following new subsections:

4 (6) Boards shall own and operate their transportation
5 equipment when it is determined that the operation will
6 be more economical than by contracting for transportation
7 service.

8 (7) Boards shall take advantage of all tax exemptions
9 on equipment and fuel and other economies as are available.

10 (8) No bus shall leave the public highway to
11 receive or discharge pupils.

12 (9) The use of school buses shall be restricted
13 to the transportation of pupils who attend public school, to
14 and from public school, and to authorized extracurricular
15 activities. School employees may be transported to and
16 from activities they are required to attend as a result of
17 their responsibilities.

1 Sec. 19. Section two hundred eighty-five point twelve
2 (285.12), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 20. Section two hundred eighty-five point
2 thirteen (285.13), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 21. Section two hundred eighty-five point
2 fifteen (285.15), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the
3 period (.) in line twelve (21) and adding the following:
4 “and the rights to collect transportation costs from school
5 or parents while operating in such illegal manner. Any
6 superintendent, board, or board member who operates or
7 permits to be operated any school bus transporting public
8 school pupils in violation of any school transportation law
9 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.”

1 Sec. 22. Chapter two hundred eighty-five (285), Code
2 1946, is further amended by enacting the following new section:
3 “The state shall be divided into transportation service areas.
4 Each service area shall contain at least one approved public
5 high school and such school districts or parts of districts
6 as may be served by a transportation system. In dividing
7 the county into service areas, consideration shall be given
8 to the size and character of the school, the length of
9 routes, type of transportation equipment, natural barriers,
10 density of population, trade areas, community interests and
11 such other factors as would make an equitable division so
12 as to best provide the school facilities desired by the
13 people in the areas affected.

14 Uniform standards and procedures for the establishing
15 of such areas shall be prescribed by the superintendent
16 of public instruction.

17 Such service areas shall be established by the county
18 board of education after consultation with the local boards
19 of education. All areas established shall be subject to
20 alteration and final approval by the state superintendent
21 of public instruction.

22 After the transportation service areas are once
23 established, each year on or before July 15, the board of
24 directors in any district may petition the county board
25 of education for transfer of their district or fractional
26 part thereof to any adjoining transportation service area
27 provided the board of the school district operating the
28 transportation system in the area selected is willing to
29 have such district or part thereof assigned to its area.
30 The county board shall hear all requests and submit the
31 record of their action to the state department of public
32 instruction for review and final action.

33 Service areas may be assigned to schools in adjoining
34 states subject to limitation of law and reciprocal arrange-
35 ments established by the respective state departments of
36 public instruction.

37 The establishing of transportation service areas
38 shall not prevent or deny any parent the right to transport
39 or to provide transportation at his own expense for his

40 children to any school which will receive them.”

1 Sec. 23. Chapter two hundred eighty-five (285), Code
2 1946, is further amended by enacting the following new
3 section:

4 “Liability insurance shall be carried on school buses
5 as provided hereinafter:

6 (1) Liability insurance authorized to protect pupils
7 transported. Boards of education engaged in the transporta-
8 tion of pupils are hereby required to secure and keep in
9 force, in companies duly authorized to do business in
10 Iowa, insurance covering liability for damages on account
11 of bodily injury (or death resulting therefrom) to pupils
12 legally enrolled in the public schools and authorized
13 school employees, by reason of the ownership, maintenance,
14 operation, or use of school buses, while said pupils or
15 employees are being transported to or from school or an
16 authorized school activity, in the sum of not less than five
17 thousand dollars for bodily injury to any one pupil, and
18 not less than twenty thousand dollars for bodily injury
19 in any one accident. The premiums for such insurance shall
20 be paid from the general fund of the school district, or
21 any state funds that may be apportioned to the school
22 district for transportation.

23 (2) Additional liability insurance authorized. School
24 boards engaged in the transportation of pupils are hereby
25 authorized, but not required, to provide insurance and to

26 require owners of buses to provide insurance in companies
27 duly authorized to do business in Iowa:

28 (a) To cover liability for damage on account of
29 bodily injury to pupils and authorized employees beyond
30 the limits of liability required in subsection one (1)
31 of this section;

32 (b) To cover liability for damage to property by
33 reason of ownership, hire, maintenance, operation, or
34 use of said school buses;

35 (c) To cover liability for damages on account
36 of bodily injury (or death resulting therefrom) to persons
37 other than pupils or authorized school employees, by
38 reason of the ownership, maintenance, operation, or use
39 of said school buses. Such coverage shall be separate and
40 apart from that provided for in subsection one (1) of this
41 section. The premiums for such insurance may be paid from
42 the general fund of the school district, or from any money
43 apportioned from state funds for transportation.

44 (3) Waiver of Immunity. It shall be a part of the
45 policy contract between the school district and the named
46 insured, in consideration of the premium at which each
47 policy shall be written, that the company shall not be
48 entitled to the benefit of the defense of governmental
49 immunity of the insured by reason of exercising a govern-
50 mental function in any suit brought against the insured.
51 Immunity of the school district is hereby waived to the

52 extent only, of the liability insurance carried by the
53 school district.”

1 Sec. 24. Chapter two hundred eighty five (285), Code
2 1946, is further amended by enacting the following new
3 section:

4 “(1) Contracts for transportation service with private
5 parties shall be in writing and be for the transportation
6 of children who attend public school. Such contracts shall
7 define the route, the length of time, service contracted
8 for, the compensation, the vehicle to be used. The contract
9 shall prescribe the duties of the contractor and driver of
10 the vehicles and shall provide that any party or parties
11 to said contract, and every person in charge of a vehicle
12 conveying children to and from school shall be at all times
13 subject to any rules said board shall adopt for the pro-
14 tection of the children, or to govern the conduct of the
15 persons in charge of said conveyance. Contracts shall be
16 made annually for a one-year period.

17 The contract shall provide that the contractor will
18 sell the equipment to the board should he desire to terminate
19 the contract, provided the board should desire to purchase
20 said equipment, the price of the equipment to be determined
21 by an appraisal board composed of one person appointed by
22 the school board, one appointed by the owner of the equipment,
23 and a third selected by these two.

24 (2) The contractor shall operate the vehicle himself

25 or provide a driver who must be approved by the board. The
26 contractor and driver shall be subject to all laws and
27 prescribed standards for school bus drivers. Failure to
28 comply shall constitute grounds for dismissal of the driver
29 or cancellation of the contract if the board so desires.

30 (3) All vehicles of transportation shall be approved
31 and certified before being put into operation.

32 (4) All contracts may be determined by either
33 party on a ninety-day notice.

34 (5) The state superintendent of public instruction
35 shall prepare a uniform contract which shall be used by all
36 schools in contracting for transportation service.

37 (6) All contractors shall carry liability insurance
38 in same amounts as boards who own and operate a system of
39 transportation are required to carry.

40 (7) All bus drivers for school owned equipment shall
41 be under contract with the board. The superintendent of
42 public instruction shall prepare a uniform contract which
43 shall be used by all school boards in contracting with
44 drivers of school-owned vehicles.

45 (8) All contracts for transportation service and
46 for drivers of school-owned and operated buses shall be made
47 with someone outside the board.”

1 Sec. 25. Chapter two hundred eighty-five (285) Code
2 1946, is further amended by enacting the following new
3 section:

4 “(1) When any school is approved to operate school
5 buses the board may purchase from such general funds
6 as are available, or on the vote of the people bonds may be
7 issued for the purchase of school transportation equipment.
8 These bonds shall be issued for a period of not more than
9 five years and the proceeds from the sale of such bonds
10 shall be deposited in the general fund.

11 (2) Boards may purchase school buses and enter into
12 contract to pay for such buses over a five-year period as
13 follows: Board shall pay one-fourth of the cost when bus
14 is delivered and the balance shall be paid in equal install-
15 ments plus interest due. The bus shall serve as security
16 for balance due. The interest rate on such contracts shall
17 not exceed four per cent simple interest. No such contracts
18 shall be legal until approved by the state superintendent
19 of public instruction.

20 (3) The state superintendent of public instruction
21 shall each year through bids or other recognized procedures
22 obtain the lowest price possible on school bus bodies,
23 chassis, or other transportation equipment and supplies
24 and enter into such arrangements and agreements with companies
25 that wish to provide such equipment and supplies to the
26 schools whereby school districts shall benefit from the
27 basic prices so established for the purchase of such
28 equipment. School boards shall be furnished a list of
29 approved models that meet specifications along with approved

30 prices and shall purchase only equipment that meets the
31 standard legal requirements and at a price not to exceed
32 the approved prices submitted to the state of Iowa through
33 the state superintendent of public instruction.”

1 Sec. 26. Section two hundred seventy-six point
2 twenty-six (276.26), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 27. Section two hundred seventy-six point
2 twenty-seven (276.27), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 28. Section two hundred seventy-six point
2 twenty-eight (276.28), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 29. Section two hundred seventy-six point
2 twenty-nine (276.29), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 30. Section two hundred seventy-six point
2 thirty (276.30), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 31. Section two hundred seventy-six point
2 thirty-one (276.31), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 32. Section two hundred seventy-nine point
2 sixteen (279.16), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking
3 the entire section and substituting in lieu thereof the
4 following: “If a school in any district is closed for lack
5 of pupils, the board of such corporation shall arrange for
6 instruction of the pupils of the corporation by sending them
7 to other schools of the corporation or by arranging with a
8 school outside the corporation for school facilities.
9 Immediately upon the closing of any school, the board shall

11 children to attend, provided, however that the residents in
12 an independent district or subdistrict where the school is
13 closed may, if they prefer, send their children to the public
14 school of their choice and the cost of tuition shall be
15 paid as limited by section 279.18. In designating a school
16 for attendance, the board must observe the provisions of the
17 laws that govern school transportation.”

1 Sec. 33. Section two hundred seventy-nine point
2 nineteen (279.19), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 34. Section two hundred seventy-nine point
2 twenty (279.20), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 35. Section two hundred eighty-two point seven
2 (282.7), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the entire
3 section and substituting in lieu thereof the following: “A
4 child residing in one corporation may attend school in
5 another corporation in the same or adjoining county if the
6 two boards so agree. When a child in one district lives
7 nearer a school house in the adjoining corporation and more
8 than two miles from any public school in the corporation
9 of his residence, he may attend the school in the other corpora-
10 tion if the boards agree. In case the boards do not agree
11 the county superintendent of the county in which the child
12 resides may consent to such attendance. Before granting
13 such consent, the county superintendent shall give notice
14 to the board where the child resides and hear objections,
15 if any. In case such consent is given, the board of the

16 district of the child's residence shall be notified thereof
17 in writing, and shall pay to the other district the average
18 tuition per week for the school or room thereof in which
19 such child attends. If payment is refused or neglected, the
20 board of the creditor corporation shall file an account
21 thereof certified by its president with the auditor of the
22 county of the child's residence, who shall transmit to the
23 county treasurer an order directing him to transfer the amount
24 of such account from the funds of the debtor corporation to
25 the creditor corporation, who shall pay the same accordingly.
26 If a child lives more than two miles from school in his own
27 district and on or near an established bus route, the
28 board shall permit the child to attend the school operating
29 buses and shall allow transportation and tuition costs as
30 limited by law."

1 Sec. 36. Section two hundred eighty-two point eight
2 (282.8), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the entire
3 section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:
4 "The board of directors of school districts located on or
5 near the state line may arrange for school facilities and
6 transportation for elementary and high school children with
7 a school in an adjoining state when the public school in
8 the adjoining state is closer than any appropriate school
9 in the state of Iowa. The arrangements with schools in
10 an adjoining state shall be made subject to the approval of
11 the state superintendent of public instruction."

1 Sec. 37. Section two hundred eighty-two point nine
2 (282.9), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the entire
3 section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:
4 “Any tuition charged by the district so attended shall be
5 paid by the school district in which such person resides.
6 The amount of tuition paid shall not exceed \$10 per month
7 for elementary and \$17 per month for high school students.
8 All arrangements across state lines for both tuition and
9 transportation shall be subject to reciprocal arrangements
10 made between the state superintendents of the respective
11 states subject to statutory limitations. A person attending
12 school in another state shall continue to be treated as a
13 pupil of the district of his residence in apportionment of
14 the current school fund and the payment of state aid.”

1 Sec. 38. Section two hundred eighty-two point ten
2 (282.10), Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking the entire
3 section and substituting in lieu thereof the following: “For
4 the purpose of furnishing school facilities to the children
5 of school age within the district the board may close any
6 school and arrange for public school facilities with a
7 board of one or more school districts where public school
8 facilities are available. Transportation shall be provided
9 for all pupils who attend the public school designated and
10 approved.”

1 Sec. 39. Section two hundred eighty-two point
2 eleven (282.11), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 40. Section two hundred eighty-two point
2 twelve (282.12), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 41. Section two hundred eighty-two point
2 thirteen (282.13), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 42. Section two hundred eighty-two point
2 fourteen (282.14), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 43. Section two hundred eighty-two point
2 fifteen (282.15), Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 489

The need for clarification and reorganization of all laws governing transportation is necessary in order to avoid confusion and conflict. The several laws on the books governing transportation have accumulated over a period of years. The laws were passed to meet some local need and several were in conflict with each other. In addition the local boards have had a very difficult time in arranging for transportation of pupils from closed rural schools and with the payment for service rendered. With the passage of the transportation reimbursement act, the conflict was intensified in some instances.

This bill brings together all the requirements for transportation in one section and defines the board's responsibilities as to payment for transportation services. The competition for high school tuition pupils and the resulting conflict has been somewhat eliminated as a result of the present transportation laws in chapter 285, code 1946, but the need for reducing the mechanics by eliminating contracts, designations, etc., is paramount. It is proposed to eliminate this by the establishment of transportation service areas permanent in nature. By doing this, the transportation systems will be stabilized and schools will be able to operate more efficiently and economically and the mechanics will be reduced to a bare minimum.

The need for definite legislation regarding the purchasing of school transportation equipment is a must. Schools find that the law says they may purchase equipment but does not provide any method. This bill establishes three means for financing the cost of buses. At the present time many extra legal practices are being followed and at an increased cut to the taxpayers of the district.

The cost for purchasing transportation equipment in Iowa is considerably higher than in many states in the union. It is proposed to authorize the state to enter into arrangements whereby transportation equipment and supplies can be bought at a real savings by the schools. This type of service is now available to the state and counties and should be made available to the school.

Several old statutes are amended to make them coordinate into the pattern proposed and several sections are repealed.