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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a code of classroom  
2 conduct by school districts.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.28 CLASSROOM CONDUCT CODE.

2 1. A code of classroom conduct shall be developed by each  
3 school district, and reviewed on an annual basis, commencing  
4 with the school budget year beginning July 1, 2002. The code  
5 shall be adopted by the school district board of directors  
6 after consultation with a classroom conduct committee  
7 comprised of residents of the school district. The committee  
8 shall consist of parents, pupils, members of the school board,  
9 school administrators, teachers, counselors employed by the  
10 school district, and other residents of the school district  
11 appointed to the committee by the board. The code of  
12 classroom conduct shall not be required to be uniform across  
13 school districts, but shall, at a minimum, include the  
14 following:

15 a. A determination of what constitutes dangerous,  
16 disruptive, or unruly behavior, or behavior which interferes  
17 with the ability of a teacher to teach effectively, and which  
18 warrants removal of a pupil from the classroom.

19 b. A procedure for the notification of a parent or  
20 guardian of a pupil that the pupil has been removed from a  
21 classroom.

22 c. A procedure for determining the appropriate alternative  
23 placement of a pupil who has been removed from a classroom.

24 d. Provisions which are consistent with sections 280.21,  
25 280.21B, 280.24, 282.4, and 282.5.

26 2. A teacher may remove a pupil from a classroom for a  
27 violation of the school district's code of classroom conduct.  
28 A pupil who has been removed from a classroom shall  
29 immediately be sent to the office of the school principal, and  
30 the pupil's parent or guardian shall be notified of the  
31 removal.

32 Sec. 2. Section 284.4, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2001,  
33 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

34 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Adopt a classroom code of conduct  
35 pursuant to section 280.28.

## EXPLANATION

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2 This bill provides for the establishment of a classroom  
3 conduct code by school districts. The bill provides that a  
4 code of classroom conduct shall be developed by each school  
5 district, and reviewed on an annual basis, commencing with the  
6 school budget year beginning July 1, 2002. The bill provides  
7 that the code shall be adopted by the school district board of  
8 directors after consultation with a classroom conduct  
9 committee appointed by the board and comprised of residents of  
10 the school district. The bill provides that the code of  
11 classroom conduct does not need to be uniform across school  
12 districts, but that it shall, at a minimum, include a  
13 determination of what constitutes dangerous, disruptive, or  
14 unruly behavior, or behavior which interferes with the ability  
15 of a teacher to teach effectively, and which warrants removal  
16 of a pupil from the classroom, and notification and  
17 alternative placement procedures. The bill also provides that  
18 the code of classroom conduct shall be consistent with other  
19 code provisions dealing with corporal punishment, weapons in  
20 school, drug or alcohol possession, and suspension and  
21 expulsion of pupils.

22 The bill provides that a teacher may remove a pupil from a  
23 classroom for a violation of the school district's code of  
24 classroom conduct, and that a pupil who has been removed from  
25 a classroom shall immediately be sent to the office of the  
26 school principal. The pupil's parent or guardian shall be  
27 notified of the removal.

28 The bill adds establishing a code of classroom conduct to  
29 the list of requirements that school districts must be willing  
30 to undertake in order to receive funds pursuant to the student  
31 achievement and teacher quality program under Code chapter  
32 284.

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