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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing that members of school boards, area education
2 agency boards, or community college boards receive paid leave
3 from employment while performing their duties as board
4 members.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 260C.12, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 Members of the board, other than the secretary and the
4 treasurer, shall be allowed their actual expenses incurred in
5 the performance of their duties and may be eligible to receive
6 per diem compensation. A member of the board, upon written
7 application to the person's employer, shall be granted leaves
8 of absence from regular employment to perform the official
9 duties of the board, except if leaves of absence are
10 prohibited by federal law. The leaves of absence shall be
11 granted with pay and shall be granted without loss of net
12 accredited service and benefits earned.

13 Sec. 2. Section 273.8, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. DIRECTORS -- PAID LEAVE. A director
16 of the board of the area education agency, upon written
17 application to the person's employer, shall be granted leaves
18 of absence from regular employment to perform the official
19 duties of a director of the board, except if leaves of absence
20 are prohibited by federal law. The leaves of absence shall be
21 granted with pay and shall be granted without loss of net
22 accredited service and benefits earned.

23 Sec. 3. Section 279.32, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2001,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 Actual and necessary expenses, including travel, incurred
26 by the board or individual members thereof in the performance
27 of official duties may be paid or reimbursed. A member of the
28 board, upon written application to the person's employer,
29 shall be granted leaves of absence from regular employment to
30 perform the official duties of a member of the board, except
31 if leaves of absence are prohibited by federal law. The
32 leaves of absence shall be granted with pay and shall be
33 granted without loss of net accredited service and benefits
34 earned.

35 EXPLANATION

1 This bill provides that members of local school boards,
2 area education agency boards, or community college boards must
3 be granted paid leaves of absence by their employers upon
4 written application for the time that they are absent from
5 work while performing the official duties of a board member,
6 unless leaves of absence are prohibited by federal law.
7 Currently, members of some boards are entitled to leaves of
8 absence which may be without pay, upon application to that
9 person's employer, pursuant to Code chapter 55.

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