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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to transportation by a school district outside of  
2 its boundaries.

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

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EDUCATION

1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 10, Code 2001, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 10. Notwithstanding section 285.1 relating to  
4 transportation of nonresident pupils, the parent or guardian  
5 is responsible for transporting the pupil without  
6 reimbursement to and from a point on a regular school bus  
7 route of the receiving district. However, a receiving  
8 district may send school vehicles into the district of  
9 residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under  
10 this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and  
11 from school in the receiving district, ~~if the boards of both~~  
12 ~~the sending and receiving districts agree to this arrangement.~~  
13 If the pupil meets the economic eligibility requirements  
14 established by the department and state board of education,  
15 the sending district is responsible for providing  
16 transportation or paying the pro rata cost of the  
17 transportation to a parent or guardian for transporting the  
18 pupil to and from a point on a regular school bus route of a  
19 contiguous receiving district unless the cost of providing  
20 transportation or the pro rata cost of the transportation to a  
21 parent or guardian exceeds the average transportation cost per  
22 pupil transported for the previous school year in the  
23 district. If the cost exceeds the average transportation cost  
24 per pupil transported for the previous school year, the  
25 sending district shall only be responsible for that average  
26 per pupil amount. A sending district which provides  
27 transportation for a pupil to a contiguous receiving district  
28 under this subsection may withhold from the district cost per  
29 pupil amount, that is to be paid to the receiving district, an  
30 amount which represents the average or pro rata cost per pupil  
31 for transportation, whichever is less.

32 Sec. 2. Section 285.9, subsection 3, is amended by  
33 striking the subsection.

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EXPLANATION

35 This bill permits a receiving district to send a school

1 vehicle into the school district of residence to transport a  
2 pupil participating in open enrollment to the receiving  
3 district. The bill strikes a provision directing the area  
4 education agencies to approve all bus routes outside the  
5 boundary of the district of the school operating buses.

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