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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 17
BY SCHICKEL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing that certain meetings of members of the
2 legislature are subject to open meeting requirements.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 21.2, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Either house of the legislature, a
4 standing committee of either house of the legislature, or a
5 joint conference committee. "Governmental body" does not mean
6 a legislative party caucus of a governmental body as defined
7 by this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph,
8 "legislative party caucus" means a multimembered body
9 consisting of members of a governmental body as defined by
10 this paragraph who are affiliated with the same political
11 party.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill expands the definition of a governmental body
14 subject to the open meeting requirements of Code chapter 21 by
15 including within that definition either house of the
16 legislature, legislative standing committees, and joint
17 conference committees. A legislative party caucus of any
18 governmental body as defined by the bill is specifically
19 excluded from the definition of a governmental body. A
20 "legislative party caucus" is defined to include any body
21 consisting of members of any governmental body as defined by
22 the bill who are of the same political party.

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