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A BILL FOR

1 An Act restricting the idling of school buses on school grounds.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 285.8, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. For the efficient operation and maintenance of school
4 transportation equipment and for the protection of the health
5 and safety of children transported. The department shall
6 provide school districts with policy guidelines outlining best
7 practices to be followed by bus drivers in order to limit the
8 idling of buses on or near school grounds and the exposure of
9 pupils and drivers to diesel exhaust.

10 Sec. 2. Section 285.10, subsection 2, Code 2005, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 2. Establish, maintain, and operate bus routes for the
13 transportation of pupils so as to provide for the economical
14 and efficient operation thereof without duplication of
15 facilities, and to properly safeguard the health and safety of
16 the pupils transported. The board shall adopt a bus idling
17 policy for school bus drivers, based on recommendations from
18 the department, in order to minimize the amount of time that
19 buses idle on or near school grounds.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill requires local school boards to adopt a bus
22 idling policy for school bus drivers in order to minimize the
23 idling of buses on or near school grounds. The department of
24 education is to provide school districts with policy
25 guidelines that outline best practices to be followed in order
26 to limit the idling of buses and the associated exposure of
27 pupils and drivers to diesel exhaust.

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