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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a statewide school bell
2 schedule for secondary public schools.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256F.4, subsection 5, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. A charter school shall provide instruction for at least
4 the number of days required by section 279.10, subsection 1,
5 or shall provide at least the equivalent number of total
6 hours. A charter school shall use the statewide secondary
7 school bell schedule as provided in section 279.63.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 279.63 COMMON SECONDARY SCHOOL BELL
9 SCHEDULE.

10 1. The boards of directors of the area education agencies
11 shall, in consultation with the school districts located
12 within agency boundaries, determine through unanimous
13 agreement of all of the area education agencies, a statewide
14 school bell schedule for the following school year for
15 secondary schools.

16 2. The area education agencies shall submit to the
17 department of education, not later than November 1 of the
18 preceding school year, the statewide secondary school bell
19 schedule determined for the following school year pursuant to
20 subsection 1. The department of education shall post the
21 statewide secondary school bell schedule on its internet
22 website not later than December 1 of the preceding school
23 year.

24 3. The board of directors of each school district shall
25 use the statewide secondary school bell schedule determined
26 pursuant to subsection 1.

27 4. For purposes of this section, "bell schedule" means the
28 start and end of class times for schools.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill requires the area education agencies, in
31 consultation with school districts, to determine annually,
32 through unanimous agreement of all of the agencies, a
33 statewide school bell schedule for the following school year
34 for secondary schools, and requires all school districts and
35 charter schools to use the bell schedule established by the

1 area education agencies. The department of education is
2 directed to post the bell schedule on its internet website.

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