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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring regents institutions to adopt policies to
2 provide student athletes injured while participating
3 in intercollegiate sports with information relating to
4 available services.

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

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Direct each institution of higher
4 education under its control to adopt a policy to facilitate the
5 provision of information, to any student athlete who suffers an
6 injury while participating in intercollegiate sports, relating
7 to academic, medical, rehabilitative, accommodative, and other
8 services available to such students from the institution.

9 a. Pursuant to this subsection, the board shall direct
10 each such institution to appoint a student athlete injury
11 information coordinator from among the institution's staff.
12 The coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining all
13 information required by this subsection. The coordinator shall
14 provide all such information to any student athlete injured
15 while participating in intercollegiate sports who requests
16 it, and shall offer assistance in accessing the services as
17 the student may require. The policy shall ensure that the
18 student athlete injury information coordinator is provided with
19 up-to-date information on all services available to injured
20 student athletes from the institution.

21 b. The policy adopted pursuant to this subsection shall
22 provide for prompt notification to each student athlete of
23 the availability of the student athlete injury information
24 coordinator, how to contact the student athlete injury
25 information coordinator, and the information which the student
26 athlete injury information coordinator can provide.

27 c. For purposes of this subsection:

28 (1) "*Intercollegiate sport*" means a sport played at
29 the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements
30 for participation by a student athlete are established by
31 a national association for the promotion or regulation of
32 collegiate athletics.

33 (2) "*Student athlete*" means a person who engages in any
34 intercollegiate sporting event, contest, exhibition, or
35 program.

EXPLANATION

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This bill requires the board of regents to direct each institution of higher education under its control to adopt a policy to facilitate the provision to any student athlete injured while participating in intercollegiate sports of information relating to all relevant services available to such students from the institution. The bill requires the board to direct each institution to appoint a student athlete injury information coordinator from among the institution's staff to collect such information, provide it to injured student athletes upon request, and assist such students in accessing the services. The bill requires the policy to ensure the student athlete injury information coordinator is provided with up-to-date information about such services. The bill requires the policy to provide for prompt notice to each student athlete regarding the availability of the student athlete injury information coordinator.