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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide for an exemption from physical education
2 for students participating in marching band.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 257.25, subsection 6, paragraph g, Code
2 1985, is amended to read as follows:

3 g. ~~All-students~~ Each student physically able ~~shall-be~~ is
4 required to participate in physical education activities
5 during each semester a the student is enrolled in school
6 except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. A minimum of
7 one-eighth unit each semester ~~shall-be~~ is required, except
8 that ~~any~~ a student participating in an organized and
9 supervised high school athletic program or marching band which
10 requires at least as much time of participation per week as
11 one-eighth unit may be excused from the physical education
12 course during the time of the student's participation in the
13 athletic or marching band program. In addition, a twelfth
14 grade student who meets the requirements of this paragraph may
15 be excused from the physical education requirement by the
16 principal of the school in which the student is enrolled if
17 the parent or guardian of the student requests in writing that
18 the student be excused from the physical education
19 requirement. A student who wishes to be excused from the
20 physical education requirement must be enrolled in a co-
21 operative or work-study program or other educational program
22 authorized by the school which requires the student to leave
23 the school premises for specified periods of time during the
24 school day. The student must seek to be excused from the
25 physical education requirement in order to enroll in academic
26 courses not otherwise available to the student. The principal
27 of the school shall inform the superintendent of the school
28 district or nonpublic school that the student has been
29 excused. Physical education activities shall emphasize
30 leisure time activities which will benefit the student outside
31 the school environment and after graduation from high school.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill allows students who are participating in marching
34 band programs to be excused from physical education
35 requirements to the same extent that students participating in
36 high school athletic programs are excused.