

**House File 228 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 17)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to transitional coaching authorizations issued  
2 by the board of educational examiners and making penalties  
3 applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The applicant is less than twenty-one years of age  
4 except as provided in section 272.31, subsection 1, ~~paragraph~~  
5 ~~"e"~~. However, a student enrolled in a practitioner preparation  
6 program who meets board requirements for a temporary,  
7 limited-purpose license who is seeking to teach as part of a  
8 practicum or internship may be less than twenty-one years of  
9 age.

10 Sec. 2. Section 272.31, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 1. a. ~~The~~ Except as provided in paragraph "b", the  
13 minimum requirements for the board to award issue a coaching  
14 authorization to an applicant are:

15 ~~a.~~ (1) Successful completion of one semester credit hour  
16 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and  
17 understanding of the structure and function of the human body  
18 in relation to physical activity.

19 ~~b.~~ (2) Successful completion of one semester credit hour  
20 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and  
21 understanding of human growth and development of children and  
22 youth in relation to physical activity.

23 ~~c.~~ (3) Successful completion of two semester credit hours  
24 or twenty contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and  
25 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries  
26 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.

27 ~~d.~~ (4) Successful completion of one semester credit hour  
28 or ten contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding  
29 of the techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic  
30 athletics.

31 ~~e.~~ (5) Attainment of at least eighteen years of age.

32 b. The board shall issue a transitional coaching  
33 authorization to an individual who is at least twenty-one  
34 years of age and who provides verification of an offer of a  
35 coaching position by a school or a consortium of schools,



1 authorization is valid for not more than one year, shall not  
2 be renewed, and is valid only in the school or consortium  
3 of schools offering the coaching position. A consortium of  
4 schools may include a school, district, a school district  
5 attendance center, or an accredited nonpublic school, or any  
6 combination thereof.

7 In employing a head coach or assistant coach, the Code  
8 requires each school district to consider applicants in a  
9 priority order, with teachers having first priority and persons  
10 with a coaching authorization second. To this priority list,  
11 the bill adds in the third position those individuals who  
12 possess a transitional coaching authorization.

13 Currently, the minimum coursework needed for a full  
14 coaching authorization, as provided in Code section 272.31(1),  
15 includes successful completion of five semester credit hours  
16 or 50 contact hours in courses relating to knowledge and  
17 understanding of the structure and function of the human  
18 body in relation to physical activity; to knowledge and  
19 understanding of human growth and development of children  
20 and youth in relation to physical activity; to knowledge and  
21 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries  
22 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity;  
23 and to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and  
24 theory of coaching interscholastic athletics. In addition,  
25 the board's rules require an applicant to complete concussion  
26 training by an athletic association or union, and one semester  
27 credit hour or 15 contact hours relating to professional ethics  
28 and legal responsibilities of coaches.

29 Code section 709.15, which establishes the criminal offense  
30 of sexual exploitation by a school employee and includes a  
31 definition of "school employee", is amended to specify that  
32 a school employee includes both a person issued a coaching  
33 authorization as well as a person issued a transitional  
34 coaching authorization.