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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: rule 281—37.4(280)
"Extracurricular Athletic Activity Conference for Member Schools"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 280.13E
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 280.13E

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 22, 2026 8 to 9 a.m.	Grimes State Office Building, Room B50 Via videoconference: meet.google.com/bqq-inqz-hha Or dial: +1 609.438.1406 PIN: 271 490 390#

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Education no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

Due to the nature of the underlying statute, this proposed rulemaking makes clear that the waiver of provisions of the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure do not apply to this chapter.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

There are no known costs of this proposed rulemaking.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Iowans will benefit from the clarity of this rulemaking.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

There is no known quantitative impact.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

There is no known qualitative impact.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

Implementation costs are expected to be minimal and absorbed within existing agency resources.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

The proposed rulemaking is not anticipated to have a direct effect on State revenues.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

The underlying legislation requires rulemaking.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

The underlying legislation requires rulemaking.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

No other methods were seriously considered by the Department since the underlying legislation requires rulemaking.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Alternative methods were rejected. The underlying legislation requires rulemaking.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

The proposed rulemaking is not expected to have an impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** rule 281—37.4(280):

281—37.4(280) Waivers not available. The provisions of 7—Chapter 2504 do not apply to this chapter.