

House File 581

H-1478

1 Amend House File 581 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.13C Brain injury
5 policies.

6 1. a. The Iowa high school athletic association
7 and the Iowa girls high school athletic union shall
8 work together to distribute the guidelines of the
9 centers for disease control and prevention of the
10 United States department of health and human services
11 and other pertinent information to inform and educate
12 coaches, students, and the parents and guardians
13 of students of the risks, signs, symptoms, and
14 behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury,
15 including the danger of continuing to participate
16 in extracurricular interscholastic activities after
17 suffering a concussion or brain injury and their
18 responsibility to report such signs, symptoms, and
19 behaviors if they occur.

20 b. Annually, each school district and nonpublic
21 school shall provide to the parent or guardian of each
22 student a concussion and brain injury information
23 sheet, as provided by the Iowa high school athletic
24 association and the Iowa girls high school athletic
25 union. The student and the student's parent or
26 guardian shall sign and return the concussion and brain
27 injury information sheet to the student's school prior
28 to the student's participation in any extracurricular
29 interscholastic activity for grades seven through
30 twelve.

31 2. If a student's coach or contest official
32 observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with
33 a concussion or brain injury in an extracurricular
34 interscholastic activity, the student shall be
35 immediately removed from participation.

36 3. a. A student who has been removed from
37 participation shall not recommence such participation
38 until the student has been evaluated by a licensed
39 health care provider trained in the evaluation and
40 management of concussions and other brain injuries and
41 the student has received written clearance to return to
42 participation from the health care provider.

43 b. For the purposes of this section, a "*licensed*
44 *health care provider*" means a physician, physician
45 assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse
46 practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic
47 trainer licensed by a board designated under section
48 147.13.

49 c. For the purposes of this section, an
50 "*extracurricular interscholastic activity*" means any

1 extracurricular interscholastic activity, contest, or
2 practice, including sports, dance, or cheerleading.>

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