

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED BOARD OF
EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transitional coaching authorizations issued
2 by the board of educational examiners.
3 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 eighteen
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 but who has not completed the coursework required for a
2 coaching authorization as specified in paragraph "a". A
3 transitional coaching authorization is valid for not more
4 than one year, shall not be renewed, and is valid only in
5 the school or consortium of schools making the offer of the
6 coaching position. A consortium of schools may include a
7 school district, a school district school attendance center, or
8 an accredited nonpublic school, or any combination thereof.

9 Sec. 3. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a,
10 subparagraph (2), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

11 (2) A qualified individual who meets the requirements of
12 section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph "a", and possesses
13 a coaching authorization issued by the board of educational
14 examiners.

15 Sec. 4. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
16 2015, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

17 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) A qualified individual who meets the
18 requirements of section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
19 and possesses a transitional coaching authorization issued by
20 the board of educational examiners.

21	EXPLANATION
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22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill requires the board of educational examiners to
25 issue a transitional coaching authorization to an individual
26 who is at least 18 years of age and who provides verification
27 of an offer of a coaching position by a school or by a
28 consortium of schools, but who has not completed the coursework
29 required for a coaching authorization. A transitional coaching
30 authorization is valid for not more than one year, shall not
31 be renewed, and is valid only in the school or consortium
32 of schools offering the coaching position. A consortium of
33 schools may include a school, district, a school district
34 attendance center, or an accredited nonpublic school, or any
35 combination thereof.

1 In employing a head coach or assistant coach, the Code
2 requires each school district to consider applicants in a
3 priority order, with teachers having first priority and persons
4 with a coaching authorization second. To this priority list,
5 the bill adds in the third position those individuals who
6 possess a transitional coaching authorization.

7 Currently, the coursework needed for a full coaching
8 authorization includes successful completion of five semester
9 credit hours or 50 contact hours in courses relating to
10 knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of
11 the human body in relation to physical activity; to knowledge
12 and understanding of human growth and development of children
13 and youth in relation to physical activity; to knowledge and
14 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries
15 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity;
16 and to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and theory
17 of coaching interscholastic athletics.