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**SF 2225** – School Sports, Brain Injury Policies (LSB5434SV)  
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**Description**

**Senate File 2225** requires a licensed athletic trainer, physical therapist, or physician to be present and available to assess athletic injuries at high school contests for collision sports.

**Background**

The bill requires the home team in a high school extracurricular interscholastic contest in a collision sport, defined as football, soccer, wrestling, hockey, or lacrosse, to ensure that a health care professional is present and available to assess athletic injuries. The bill defines health care professional as a licensed athletic trainer, physician, or physical therapist. The bill also strongly encourages, but does not require, the home team in a high school extracurricular interscholastic contest in a contact sport, as defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics, to ensure that a health care professional is present and available to assess athletic injuries. The health care professional at these contests is required to notify the visiting team's athletic director within 48 hours after the contest occurs if a member of the visiting team shows signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury.

**Assumptions**

- Athletic trainers hired as a result of this bill will be paid between \$17 and \$26 per hour.
- Other health care professionals will be paid between \$35 and \$45 per hour.
- Athletic trainers will represent 75.0% of the health care professional hired.
- Health care professionals will be reimbursed for mileage; these costs are estimated at 10.0% of the hourly wage.
- Health care professionals will work 25,065 hours annually for extracurricular interscholastic contests in collision sports; schools are assumed to currently have health care professionals for between 38% and 75% of these hours.
- Schools will hire additional health care professionals for collision sports only; contact sports are not required under this bill.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the State General Fund. The total cost to local school districts in Iowa is estimated to range between \$148,000 and \$526,000 per year in FY 2017 and FY 2018.

**Sources**

Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society  
Iowa Department of Education  
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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