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**SF 2205** – School Student Varsity Sports Eligibility Under Open Enrollment (LSB5839SV.1)  
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**Description**

**Senate File 2205**, as amended by House amendment **S-5103**, expands the definition of a school age resident to include a child that is physically present in a district for the purpose of participating in a regional, state, or national athletic league.

**Background**

Currently, students participating in an athletic league are not considered residents and must pay tuition equal to the district cost per pupil.

**Assumptions**

Current assumptions include:

- Students participating in athletic leagues are currently not residents of the district because their parent/guardian is typically a nonresident of Iowa.
- The United States Hockey League (USHL) is the only athletic league, with children 18 or younger, that will attend high school in Iowa.
- There are currently 15 to 24 players on USHL rosters that will be included in the certified enrollment count on October 3, 2016.
- The state cost per pupil is \$6,591.

**Fiscal Impact**

The State General Fund impact of including the students participating in the athletic leagues in the certified enrollment could be minimal, or as much as \$87,615 to \$140,184 for FY 2018. The bill would increase the appropriation for FY 2018, replacing tuition dollars with a mix of State General Fund dollars and local property tax dollars. The impact on property taxes statewide is estimated at \$11,250 to \$18,000 for FY 2018.

**Sources**

United States Hockey League  
Iowa Department of Education  
LSA analysis and calculations

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