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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the eligibility requirements for a child to
2 participate in certain extracurricular interscholastic
3 contests or competitions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA;

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HF 2277

1 Section 1. Section 256.46, Code 1995, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 256.46 RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR
4 ACTIVITIES BY CERTAIN CHILDREN.

5 The state board shall adopt rules that permit a child who
6 does not meet the residence requirements for participation in
7 extracurricular interscholastic contests or competitions
8 sponsored or administered by an organization as defined in
9 section 280.13 to participate in the contests or competitions
10 immediately if the child is duly enrolled in a school, is
11 otherwise eligible to participate, and meets one of the
12 following circumstances or a similar circumstance: the child
13 has been adopted; the child is placed under foster or shelter
14 care; the child is living with one of the child's parents as a
15 result of divorce, separation, death, or other change in the
16 child's parents' marital relationship; the child is a foreign
17 exchange student; the child has been placed in a juvenile
18 correctional facility; the child is a ward of the court or the
19 state; the child is a participant in a substance abuse or
20 mental health program; or the child is enrolled in an
21 accredited nonpublic high school because the child's district
22 of residence has entered into a whole grade sharing agreement
23 for the pupil's grade with another district. In the case of
24 extracurricular interscholastic contests or competitions which
25 require participation during the summer after regular school
26 classes have ended, the rules shall not require that a child
27 meeting one of the listed circumstances or a similar
28 circumstance be enrolled in a school in the school district in
29 which the child is residing for the summer, but the rules
30 shall require that the child submit evidence to the school
31 district in which the child is residing for the summer that
32 the child is duly enrolled and in good standing in the school
33 of the child's residence during the school year.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill requires the state board of education to adopt

1 rules under chapter 17A that specify that a child who resides
2 in a school district during the summer that is different from
3 the school district in which the child resides during the
4 school year may, due to certain listed special circumstances
5 in the child's life, participate in extracurricular
6 interscholastic contests or competitions in the school
7 district in which the child resides during the summer.

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