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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to coaching endorsement and authorization  
2 requirements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 272.31, subsection 1, Code 1999, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Valid evidence that the applicant holds  
4 a current course completion card as described in section  
5 279.19B, subsection 3:

6 Sec. 2. Section 279.19B, Code 1999, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 279.19B COACHING ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION.

9 1. The board of directors of a school district may employ  
10 for head coach of any interscholastic athletic activities or  
11 for assistant coach of any interscholastic athletic activity,  
12 an individual who possesses a coaching authorization issued by  
13 the board of educational examiners or possesses a teaching  
14 license with a coaching endorsement issued pursuant to chapter  
15 272. However, a board of directors of a school district shall  
16 consider applicants with qualifications described below, in  
17 the following order of priority:

18 ~~1-~~ a. A qualified individual who possesses a valid  
19 teaching license with a proper coaching endorsement.

20 ~~2-~~ b. A qualified individual who possesses a coaching  
21 authorization issued by the board of educational examiners.

22 2. Qualifications are to be determined by the board of  
23 directors or their designee on a case-by-case basis.

24 3. Prior to the start of each sports season, a head coach  
25 or assistant coach shall provide to the board valid evidence  
26 that the coach holds a current course completion card in all  
27 of the following:

28 a. American red cross or American heart association  
29 infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation or  
30 equivalent certification approved by the board of educational  
31 examiners. For purposes of this paragraph, "cardiopulmonary  
32 resuscitation" means training and successful course completion  
33 in one rescuer and two rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
34 and obstructed airway procedures.

35 b. American red cross infant, child, and adult first aid

1 or equivalent certification approved by the board of  
2 educational examiners.

3 For purposes of this subsection, "current course completion  
4 card" means written recognition given for training and  
5 successful course completion of cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
6 or first aid with an expiration date or a recommended renewal  
7 date that exceeds the current date.

8 4. An individual who has been issued a coaching  
9 authorization or who possesses a teaching license with a  
10 coaching endorsement but is not issued a teaching contract  
11 under section 279.13 and who is employed by the board of  
12 directors of a school district serves at the pleasure of the  
13 board of directors and is not subject to sections 279.13  
14 through 279.19, and 279.27. Subsection 1 of section 279.19A  
15 applies to coaching authorizations.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill requires applicants for coaching authorization or  
18 endorsement to hold a current course completion card for  
19 certified training in infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary  
20 resuscitation and first aid. The bill also requires a coach  
21 employed by the board of directors of a school district to  
22 present proof to the board that the coach holds a current  
23 course completion card approved by the board of educational  
24 examiners.

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