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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to participation in varsity interscholastic
2 athletic contests and athletic competitions by students
3 participating in open enrollment.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 13, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 13. A pupil who participates in open enrollment for
1 4 purposes of attending a grade in grades nine through twelve in
1 5 a school district other than the district of residence is
1 6 ineligible to participate in varsity interscholastic athletic
1 7 contests and athletic competitions ~~during the pupil's first~~
~~1 8 ninety school days of enrollment in the district for the same~~
~~1 9 period as established pursuant to section 256.46 by the state~~
~~1 10 board of education for children who meet the conditions~~
~~1 11 specified in section 256.46,~~ except that the pupil may
1 12 participate immediately in a varsity interscholastic sport if
1 13 the pupil is entering grade nine for the first time and did
1 14 not participate in an interscholastic athletic competition for
1 15 another school or school district during the summer
1 16 immediately following eighth grade, if the district of
1 17 residence and the other school district jointly participate in
1 18 the sport, if the sport in which the pupil wishes to
1 19 participate is not offered in the district of residence, if
1 20 the pupil chooses to use open enrollment to attend school in
1 21 another school district upon a contemporaneous change in
1 22 parental residence, if the pupil chooses to use open
1 23 enrollment to attend school in another school district because
1 24 the district in which the student previously attended school
1 25 was dissolved and merged with one or more contiguous school
1 26 districts under section 256.11, subsection 12, if the pupil
1 27 participates in open enrollment because the pupil's district
1 28 of residence has entered into a whole grade sharing agreement
1 29 with another district for the pupil's grade, or if the parent
1 30 or guardian of the pupil participating in open enrollment is
1 31 an active member of the armed forces and resides in permanent
1 32 housing on government property provided by a branch of the
1 33 armed services. A pupil who has paid tuition and attended
1 34 school, or has attended school pursuant to a mutual agreement
1 35 between the two districts, in a district other than the
2 1 pupil's district of residence for at least one school year is
2 2 also eligible to participate immediately in interscholastic
2 3 athletic contests and athletic competitions under this
2 4 section, but only as a member of a team from the district that
2 5 pupil had attended. For purposes of this subsection, "school
2 6 days of enrollment" does not include enrollment in summer
2 7 school. For purposes of this subsection, "varsity" means the
2 8 same as defined in section 256.46.

EXPLANATION

2 10 This bill changes provisions relating to participation in
2 11 varsity interscholastic athletic contests and athletic
2 12 competitions by students participating in open enrollment.
2 13 The bill replaces language which makes the pupil ineligible to
2 14 participate for the first 90 school days of enrollment in the
2 15 new district, with language that makes the period of
2 16 ineligibility the same as that adopted by rule, pursuant to
2 17 Code section 256.46, by the state board of education for
2 18 children who do not meet the residence requirements for
2 19 participation in extracurricular interscholastic contests or

2 20 competitions. The bill also adds a "contemporaneous change in
2 21 parental residence" to the list of conditions under which
2 22 pupils may immediately participate in varsity athletics.
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