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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a committee to study an open eligibility  
2 policy for certain students in grades seven through twelve  
3 relating to competitive high school activities, and providing  
4 an effective date.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. COMPETITIVE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OPEN  
1 2 ELIGIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE.  
1 3 1. A committee shall be established under the purview of  
1 4 the department of education to conduct a study regarding the  
1 5 feasibility of allowing certain students in grades seven  
1 6 through twelve to participate in competitive high school  
1 7 activities. The study shall include the following issues  
1 8 relating to having students in grades seven through twelve on  
1 9 one team:  
1 10 a. Finances and transportation.  
1 11 b. Standards of eligibility pursuant to which all students  
1 12 should be able to participate including academic standards.  
1 13 c. Safety standards for all students in contact  
1 14 activities.  
1 15 d. The ability of some school districts or individual high  
1 16 schools to field a complete team in a particular activity.  
1 17 e. The ability of some school districts or individual high  
1 18 schools to pool students to field a complete team in a  
1 19 particular activity.  
1 20 2. The committee shall meet at least four times and shall  
1 21 prepare a report for the governor and the general assembly by  
1 22 January 15, 2009.  
1 23 3. The committee shall be made up of the following  
1 24 members:  
1 25 a. The director of the department of education or the  
1 26 director's designee.  
1 27 b. The president of the Iowa girls high school athletic  
1 28 union or the president's designee.  
1 29 c. The executive director of the Iowa high school athletic  
1 30 association or the executive director's designee.  
1 31 d. The president of the Iowa high school athletic  
1 32 directors association or the president's designee.  
1 33 e. Two nonpublic school administrators, one from a school  
1 34 with students in seventh and eighth grades and one from a high  
1 35 school, both to be selected by the governor.  
2 1 f. Two public school administrators, one from a school  
2 2 with students in seventh and eighth grades and one from a high  
2 3 school, both to be selected by the governor.  
2 4 g. Two to four coaches or teachers, including one who  
2 5 coaches a boys' high school sports team, one who coaches a  
2 6 girls' high school sports team, and one who teaches or coaches  
2 7 a competitive nonsports activity that could be opened to  
2 8 students in seventh and eighth grades, all selected by the  
2 9 governor.  
2 10 h. Four to six parents of students who participate in  
2 11 extracurricular activities offered to students in seventh  
2 12 through twelfth grades and who are from different areas of the  
2 13 state and represent urban and rural school districts, all  
2 14 selected by the governor.  
2 15 i. Two high school students, one from a rural school  
2 16 district and one from an urban school district, each of whom  
2 17 participates in competitive high school activities that could  
2 18 be opened to students in seventh and eighth grades, both

2 19 selected by the governor.

2 20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
2 21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 22 EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill creates a committee to study open eligibility for  
2 24 competitive high school activities to certain students in  
2 25 seventh through twelfth grades.

2 26 A committee is established under the purview of the  
2 27 department of education, and is charged with conducting the  
2 28 study and is given five major issues to explore. The  
2 29 committee must meet at least four times and must prepare a  
2 30 report for the general assembly and the governor by January  
2 31 15, 2009.

2 32 The committee will have between 16 and 20 members  
2 33 interested in competitive high school activities, some of them  
2 34 appointed by the governor. The bill becomes effective upon  
2 35 enactment.

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