

House File 2357 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to rules for participation in extracurricular
2 activities by certain children.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.46, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **256.46 Rules for participation in extracurricular activities**
4 **by certain children.**

5 1. The state board shall adopt rules that permit a child
6 who does not meet the residence requirements for participation
7 in 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 any of the following conditions exists:

11 a. The child is duly enrolled in a school, is otherwise
12 eligible to participate, and meets one of the following
13 circumstances or a similar circumstance: the child has been
14 adopted; the child is placed under foster or shelter care;
15 the child is living with one of the child's parents as a
16 result of divorce, separation, death, or other change in the
17 child's parents' marital relationship, or pursuant to other
18 court-ordered decree or order of custody; the child is a
19 foreign exchange student, unless undue influence was exerted
20 to place the child for primarily athletic purposes; the child
21 has been placed in a juvenile correctional facility; the child
22 is a ward of the court or the state; the child is a participant
23 in a substance abuse or mental health program; or the child is
24 enrolled in an accredited nonpublic high school because the
25 child's district of residence has entered into a whole grade
26 sharing agreement for the pupil's grade with another district.
27 The rules shall permit a child who is otherwise eligible to
28 participate, but who does not meet one of the foregoing or
29 similar circumstances relating to residence requirements, to
30 participate at any level of competition other than the varsity
31 level.

32 b. The child is enrolled in the district of residence but
33 participates in an extracurricular interscholastic contest or
34 competition that is not available in the district of residence.

35 2. For purposes of this section and section 282.18,

1 *varsity* means the highest level of competition offered by
2 one school or school district against the highest level of
3 competition offered by an opposing school or school district.

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EXPLANATION

5 This bill permits a child who is enrolled in the child's
6 school district of residence to participate immediately in an
7 extracurricular interscholastic contest or competition that is
8 not available in the district of residence.