

House File 2461 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 671)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school business official training and
2 authorization.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code Supplement 2009, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 30. Set standards and procedures for the
4 approval of training programs for individuals who seek an
5 authorization issued by the board of educational examiners for
6 employment as a school business official responsible for the
7 financial operations of a school district.

8 Sec. 2. Section 272.31, Code 2009, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 272.31 ~~Coaching authorization~~ Authorizations — coaching
11 — school business officials.

12 1. The minimum requirements for the board to award a
13 coaching authorization to an applicant are:

14 a. Successful completion of one semester credit hour
15 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and
16 understanding of the structure and function of the human body
17 in relation to physical activity.

18 b. Successful completion of one semester credit hour
19 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and
20 understanding of human growth and development of children and
21 youth in relation to physical activity.

22 c. Successful completion of two semester credit hours or
23 twenty contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and
24 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries
25 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.

26 d. Successful completion of one semester credit hour or ten
27 contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding of the
28 techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic athletics.

29 e. Attainment of at least eighteen years of age.

30 2. a. The board shall issue a school business official
31 authorization to an individual who successfully completes a
32 training program that meets the standards set by the state
33 board of education pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 30,
34 and who complies with rules adopted by the board pursuant to
35 subsection 3.

1 b. A person hired on or after July 1, 2012, as a school
2 business official responsible for the financial operations of
3 a school district who is without prior experience as a school
4 business official in Iowa shall either hold the school business
5 official authorization issued pursuant to paragraph "a" of this
6 subsection or obtain the authorization within two years of the
7 start date of employment as a school business official.

8 c. An individual employed as a school business official
9 prior to July 1, 2012, who meets the requirements of the board,
10 other than the training program requirements of paragraph "a",
11 shall be issued, at no charge, an initial authorization by the
12 board, but shall meet renewal requirements for an authorization
13 within the time period specified by the board.

14 ~~2.~~ 3. The board of educational examiners shall adopt rules
15 under chapter 17A for ~~eaching~~ authorizations, including, but
16 not limited to, approval of courses, validity and expiration,
17 fees, and suspension and revocation of authorizations.

18 4. The state board of education shall work with institutions
19 of higher education, private colleges and universities,
20 community colleges, and area education agencies, and
21 professional organizations to ensure that the courses and
22 programs required ~~under subsection 1~~ for authorization under
23 this section are offered throughout the state at convenient
24 times and at a reasonable cost.

25 Sec. 3. SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL TRAINING PROGRAM AND
26 AUTHORIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The department of education,
27 in consultation with the board of educational examiners, shall
28 convene an advisory committee to determine the standards and
29 procedures, content, and processes of training programs for
30 individuals who seek an authorization issued by the board of
31 educational examiners for employment as a school business
32 official responsible for the financial operations of a school
33 district. The advisory committee shall be comprised of
34 representatives of the Iowa association of school business
35 officials, individuals holding financial leadership roles

1 in large, medium, and small school districts, and a public
2 member of the school budget review committee. The advisory
3 committee shall review other states' professional organizations
4 and programs regarding authorization of school business
5 officials, determine the best practices for school district
6 business management training programs, and identify and
7 recommend the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain a school
8 business official authorization from the board of educational
9 examiners. The advisory committee shall submit its findings
10 and recommendations in a report to the state board of education
11 and the board of educational examiners by December 31, 2010.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill directs the state board of education to set
14 standards and procedures for the approval of training programs
15 for individuals who seek an authorization issued by the board
16 of educational examiners for employment as school business
17 officials responsible for the financial operations of school
18 districts, requires the board of educational examiners to
19 adopt rules for the issuance of a school business official
20 authorization to an individual who successfully completes a
21 program that meets the state board's standards and who complies
22 with the educational examiners board's rules, and directs the
23 department of education, in consultation with the board of
24 educational examiners, to convene a school business official
25 training program and authorization advisory committee.

26 A person hired on or after July 1, 2012, as a school business
27 official who is without prior experience as a school business
28 official in Iowa must hold the school business official
29 authorization issued by the board pursuant to the bill or
30 obtain the authorization within two years of the start date
31 of employment as a school business official. An individual
32 employed as a school business official prior to July 1, 2012,
33 who meets the board's requirements, other than the training
34 program requirements, must be issued at no charge an initial
35 authorization by the board, but must meet the board's renewal

1 requirements by the time specified by the board.

2 The advisory committee is charged with determining the
3 standards and procedures, content, and processes of training
4 programs for individuals who seek an authorization issued by
5 the board of educational examiners. The advisory committee is
6 comprised of representatives of the Iowa association of school
7 business officials, individuals holding financial leadership
8 roles in large, medium, and small school districts, and a
9 public member of the school budget review committee. The
10 advisory committee must submit a report to the state board of
11 education and the board of educational examiners by December
12 31, 2010.

13 The bill also requires the state board of education to work
14 with higher education institutions to ensure that the training
15 programs are offered throughout the state at convenient times
16 and reasonable costs.