

House Study Bill 671 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

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
3 of a school district who is without prior experience as a
4 school business official in Iowa shall hold the school business
5 official authorization issued pursuant to paragraph "a" of this
6 subsection.

7 ~~2.~~ 3. The board ~~of educational examiners~~ shall adopt rules
8 under chapter 17A for ~~eaching~~ authorizations, including, but
9 not limited to, approval of courses, validity and expiration,
10 fees, and suspension and revocation of authorizations.

11 4. The state board of education shall work with institutions
12 of higher education, private colleges and universities,
13 community colleges, ~~and~~ area education agencies, and
14 professional organizations to ensure that the courses and
15 programs required ~~under subsection 1~~ for authorization under
16 this section are offered throughout the state at convenient
17 times and at a reasonable cost.

18 Sec. 3. SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL TRAINING PROGRAM AND
19 AUTHORIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The department of education,
20 in consultation with the board of educational examiners, shall
21 convene an advisory committee to determine the standards and
22 procedures, content, and processes of training programs for
23 individuals who seek an authorization issued by the board of
24 educational examiners for employment as a school business
25 official responsible for the financial operations of a school
26 district. The advisory committee shall be comprised of
27 representatives of the Iowa association of school business
28 officials, individuals holding financial leadership roles
29 in large, medium, and small school districts, and a public
30 member of the school budget review committee. The advisory
31 committee shall review other states' professional organizations
32 and programs regarding authorization of school business
33 officials, determine the best practices for school district
34 business management training programs, and identify and
35 recommend the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain a school

1 business official authorization from the board of educational
2 examiners. The advisory committee shall submit its findings
3 and recommendations in a report to the state board of education
4 and the board of educational examiners by December 31, 2011.

5 EXPLANATION

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

19 A person hired on or after July 1, 2012, as a school business
20 official who is without prior experience as a school business
21 official in Iowa must hold the school business official
22 authorization issued by the board pursuant to the bill.

23 The advisory committee is charged with determining the
24 standards and procedures, content, and processes of training
25 programs for individuals who seek an authorization issued by
26 the board of educational examiners. The advisory committee is
27 comprised of representatives of the Iowa association of school
28 business officials, individuals holding financial leadership
29 roles in large, medium, and small school districts, and a
30 public member of the school budget review committee. The
31 advisory committee must submit a report to the state board of
32 education and the board of educational examiners by December
33 31, 2011.

34 The bill also requires the state board of education to work
35 with higher education institutions to ensure that the training

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2 and reasonable costs.