

**House File 2302 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to student athletic activities in public and  
2 nonpublic schools.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.13D Out-of-season student  
2 athletics.

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. "In season" for a particular interscholastic athletic  
5 activity means the period, whether or not occurring during  
6 the school year, from the official first day of practice  
7 beginning an athletic season until the finals of tournament  
8 play concluding the athletic season.

9 b. "Out-of-season" for a particular interscholastic athletic  
10 activity means the period, whether or not occurring during the  
11 school year, which is not in season.

12 c. "School coaching personnel" means persons, whether  
13 school employees or volunteers, who engage in coaching of  
14 interscholastic athletic activities for school districts or  
15 nonpublic schools.

16 d. "Student athlete" means a student who participates in a  
17 particular interscholastic athletic activity.

18 2. School coaching personnel shall be prohibited from  
19 having contact with a student athlete out of season if such  
20 contact interferes with student academics or with student  
21 participation in an interscholastic athletic activity which is  
22 in season. School coaching personnel shall not otherwise be  
23 prohibited from having contact with a student athlete out of  
24 season.

25 3. A student athlete shall not be subject to any penalty  
26 for choosing not to participate in any activity relating to  
27 an interscholastic athletic activity if such activity occurs  
28 out of season for that particular interscholastic athletic  
29 activity.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill prohibits school coaching personnel from  
32 having contact with a student athlete out of season if such  
33 contact interferes with student academics or with student  
34 participation in an interscholastic athletic activity which is  
35 in season. The bill provides that school coaching personnel

1 shall not otherwise be prohibited from having contact with a  
2 student athlete out of season. The bill also provides that  
3 a student athlete shall not be subject to any penalty for  
4 choosing not to participate in any activity relating to an  
5 interscholastic athletic activity which occurs out of season  
6 for that interscholastic athletic activity. The bill includes  
7 definitions for "in season", "out of season", "school coaching  
8 personnel", and "student athlete".