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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to transitional coaching authorizations issued  
2 by the board of educational examiners.

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

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The applicant is less than twenty-one years of age  
4 except as provided in section 272.31, subsection 1, ~~paragraph~~  
5 ~~"e"~~. However, a student enrolled in a practitioner preparation  
6 program who meets board requirements for a temporary,  
7 limited-purpose license who is seeking to teach as part of a  
8 practicum or internship may be less than twenty-one years of  
9 age.

10 Sec. 2. Section 272.31, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 1. a. ~~The~~ Except as provided in paragraph "b", the  
13 minimum requirements for the board to award issue a coaching  
14 authorization to an applicant are:

15 ~~a.~~ (1) Successful completion of one semester credit hour  
16 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and  
17 understanding of the structure and function of the human body  
18 in relation to physical activity.

19 ~~b.~~ (2) Successful completion of one semester credit hour  
20 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and  
21 understanding of human growth and development of children and  
22 youth in relation to physical activity.

23 ~~c.~~ (3) Successful completion of two semester credit hours  
24 or twenty contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and  
25 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries  
26 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.

27 ~~d.~~ (4) Successful completion of one semester credit hour  
28 or ten contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding  
29 of the techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic  
30 athletics.

31 ~~e.~~ (5) Attainment of at least eighteen years of age.

32 b. The board shall issue a transitional coaching  
33 authorization to an individual who is at least eighteen years  
34 of age and who provides verification of an offer of a coaching  
35 position by a school district or by a consortium of school

1 districts, but who has not completed the coursework required  
2 for a coaching authorization as specified in paragraph "a". A  
3 transitional coaching authorization is valid for not more than  
4 one year, may not be renewed, and is valid only in the hiring  
5 school district or districts.

6 Sec. 3. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
7 subparagraph (2), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

8 (2) A qualified individual who meets the requirements of  
9 section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph "a", and possesses  
10 a coaching authorization issued by the board of educational  
11 examiners.

12 Sec. 4. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
13 2014, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

14 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) A qualified individual who meets the  
15 requirements of section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph "b",  
16 and possesses a transitional coaching authorization issued by  
17 the board of educational examiners.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill requires the board of educational examiners to  
22 issue a transitional coaching authorization to an individual  
23 who is at least 18 years of age and who provides verification  
24 of an offer of a coaching position by a school district or by  
25 a consortium of school districts, but who has not completed  
26 the coursework required for a coaching authorization. A  
27 transitional coaching authorization is valid for not more than  
28 one year, may not be renewed, and is valid only in the hiring  
29 school district or districts. In employing a head coach or  
30 assistant coach, the Code requires each school district to  
31 consider applicants in a priority order, with teachers having  
32 first priority and persons with a coaching authorization  
33 second. To this priority list, the bill adds in the third  
34 position those individuals who possess a transitional coaching  
35 authorization.

1 Currently, the coursework needed for a full coaching  
2 authorization includes successful completion of five semester  
3 credit hours or 50 contact hours in courses relating to  
4 knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of  
5 the human body in relation to physical activity; to knowledge  
6 and understanding of human growth and development of children  
7 and youth in relation to physical activity; to knowledge and  
8 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries  
9 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity;  
10 and to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and theory  
11 of coaching interscholastic athletics.