

**House File 17 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for certain emergency medical procedures  
2 training requirements for school coaches and assessment and  
3 reporting of potential concussions or brain injuries in  
4 certain extracurricular athletic contests, and including  
5 applicability provisions.

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

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DIVISION I

SCHOOL COACHES — EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES TRAINING

Section 1. Section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (05) Successful completion of a certification course for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

Sec. 2. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* An individual employed under paragraph "a" shall possess a valid certificate of completion of a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

Sec. 3. **APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS.** A person who possesses a valid teaching license with a coaching endorsement or a coaching authorization issued by the board of educational examiners prior to July 1, 2017, shall have until July 1, 2018, to meet the requirements of this division of this Act.

DIVISION II

ASSESSING AND REPORTING OF POTENTIAL CONCUSSIONS OR BRAIN INJURIES IN EXTRACURRICULAR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONTESTS

Sec. 4. Section 280.13C, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

2. If a student's coach, ~~or~~ contest official, or contest health care professional observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity, the student shall be immediately removed from participation.

Sec. 5. Section 280.13C, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. *a.* The home team in an extracurricular interscholastic contest in which varsity high school athletic teams participate in a collision sport shall ensure that a contest health care professional is present and available to assess athletic injuries at such contest.

1     **b.** The home team in an extracurricular interscholastic  
2 contest in which varsity high school athletic teams participate  
3 in a contact sport is strongly encouraged to ensure that a  
4 contest health care professional is present and available to  
5 assess athletic injuries at such contest.

6     **c.** If an athlete shows signs, symptoms, or behaviors  
7 consistent with a concussion or brain injury, a coach, contest  
8 official, or contest health care professional identifying the  
9 signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or  
10 brain injury shall notify the athlete's parent or guardian  
11 and a school representative present at the contest. The  
12 school representative so notified shall be a coach or athletic  
13 director where possible. If the athlete's parent or guardian  
14 is not present at the contest, the coach, contest official,  
15 or contest health care professional shall call the parent or  
16 guardian at the time of such identification or at the time of  
17 earliest convenience following the athlete's injury on the  
18 same contest calendar day. Each team in an extracurricular  
19 interscholastic contest in which varsity high school athletic  
20 teams participate shall have contact information for each  
21 participating athlete's parent or guardian readily available  
22 through a coach or school representative in order to carry out  
23 such notifications as needed.

24     **d.** The department of education, the Iowa high school  
25 athletic association, and the Iowa girls high school athletic  
26 union shall establish a process whereby an extracurricular  
27 interscholastic athletic contest may still take place when  
28 a contest health care professional who was scheduled to be  
29 present and available as provided in this section is unable to  
30 be present due to unforeseen circumstances.

31     Sec. 6. Section 280.13C, subsection 4, Code 2017, is amended  
32 by adding the following new paragraphs:

33     NEW PARAGRAPH. *0a.* "*Collision sport*" means football,  
34 soccer, or wrestling.

35     NEW PARAGRAPH. *00a.* "*Contact sport*" means a sport that is

1 not a collision sport and that is defined as a contact sport by  
2 the American academy of pediatrics.

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 000a. *“Contest health care professional”*  
4 means a health care professional licensed by this state to  
5 administer health care in the ordinary course of business with  
6 a skill set in emergency care and sports medicine injuries and  
7 with knowledge and experience related to concussion evaluation  
8 and management. A *“contest health care professional”* includes  
9 but is not limited to an athletic trainer licensed under  
10 chapter 152D, a physician or osteopathic physician licensed  
11 under chapter 148, or an emergency medical care provider as  
12 defined in section 147A.1.

13 Sec. 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection 3,  
14 shall not apply to this division of this Act.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation’s substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Division I of this bill provides that an applicant for a  
19 coaching authorization or coaching endorsement issued by the  
20 board of educational examiners and a person employed by a  
21 school district as a coach must possess a valid certificate of  
22 completion of a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary  
23 resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

24 A person who possesses a valid teaching license with a  
25 coaching endorsement or a coaching authorization issued by the  
26 board prior to July 1, 2017, shall have until July 1, 2018, to  
27 meet the requirements of the bill.

28 Division II of the bill requires the home team in an  
29 extracurricular interscholastic contest in which varsity  
30 high school athletic teams participate in a collision  
31 sport to ensure that a contest health care professional is  
32 present and available to assess athletic injuries at such  
33 contest. Division II strongly encourages the home team in  
34 an extracurricular interscholastic contest in which varsity  
35 high school athletic teams participate in a contact sport to

1 ensure that a contest health care professional is present and  
2 available to assess athletic injuries at such contest.

3 Division II provides that if an athlete shows signs,  
4 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain  
5 injury, a coach, contest official, or contest health care  
6 professional identifying the signs, symptoms, or behaviors  
7 consistent with a concussion or brain injury must notify the  
8 athlete's parent or guardian and a school representative  
9 present at the contest. If the athlete's parent or guardian  
10 is not present at the contest, the coach, contest official,  
11 or contest health care professional must call the parent or  
12 guardian at the time of such identification or at the time of  
13 earliest convenience following the athlete's injury on the  
14 same calendar day. The division requires each team in an  
15 extracurricular interscholastic contest in which varsity high  
16 school athletic teams participate to have contact information  
17 for each participating athlete's parent or guardian readily  
18 available through a coach or school representative in order to  
19 carry out such notifications as needed.

20 Division II requires the department of education, the  
21 Iowa high school athletic association, and the Iowa girls  
22 high school athletic union to establish a process whereby an  
23 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest can still take  
24 place when a contest health care professional who was scheduled  
25 to be present and available as provided in the division is  
26 unable to be present due to unforeseen circumstances.

27 Division II defines "collision sport" as football, soccer,  
28 or wrestling. Division II defines "contact sport" as a sport  
29 that is not a collision sport and that is defined as a contact  
30 sport by the American academy of pediatrics. Division II  
31 defines "contest health care professional" as a health care  
32 professional licensed by this state to administer health  
33 care in the ordinary course of business with a skill set in  
34 emergency care and sports medicine injuries and with knowledge  
35 and experience related to concussion evaluation and management.

1 A "contest health care professional" includes but is not  
2 limited to an athletic trainer licensed under Code chapter  
3 152D, a physician or osteopathic physician licensed under Code  
4 chapter 148, or an emergency medical care provider as defined  
5 in section 147A.1.

6 Division II adds contest health care professionals to the  
7 list of individuals who must have a student removed from an  
8 extracurricular interscholastic activity if the individual  
9 observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a  
10 concussion or brain injury in the student.

11 Division II may include a state mandate as defined in  
12 Code section 25B.3. The division makes inapplicable Code  
13 section 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political  
14 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for  
15 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.  
16 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with  
17 any state mandate included in the division.