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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 17)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for certain emergency medical procedures
2 training requirements for school coaches and concussion
3 and brain injury policies for certain extracurricular
4 interscholastic activities, and including applicability
5 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

CONCUSSIONS OR BRAIN INJURY POLICIES

Sec. 4. Section 280.13C, Code 2017, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

280.13C Concussion and brain injury policies.

1. *Legislative findings.* The general assembly finds and declares all of the following:

a. Concussions are one of the most commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities. A concussion is caused by a blow or motion to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. The risk of catastrophic injuries or death is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed.

b. Concussions are a type of brain injury that can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Concussions can occur in any organized or unorganized

1 sport or recreational activity and can result from a fall or
2 from players colliding with each other, the ground, or with
3 obstacles. Concussions can occur with or without loss of
4 consciousness, but the vast majority of concussions occur
5 without loss of consciousness.

6 *c.* Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of a
7 head injury leaves a young athlete especially vulnerable to
8 greater injury and even death. The general assembly recognizes
9 that, despite having generally recognized return-to-play
10 standards for concussions and head injuries, some affected
11 youth athletes are prematurely returned to play, resulting in
12 actual or potential physical injury or death to youth athletes
13 in this state.

14 *d.* A student athlete who has sustained a concussion may need
15 informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum,
16 and monitoring by medical or educational staff until the
17 student is fully recovered. To that end, the Iowa high school
18 athletic association and the Iowa girls high school athletic
19 union are encouraged to establish and disseminate to all
20 schools in this state a return-to-school protocol that is based
21 on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with federal
22 guidelines and includes baseline testing for student athletes.
23 Furthermore, all schools in this state are encouraged to adopt
24 such protocols.

25 *2. Definitions.* For the purposes of this section:

26 *a.* "*Contest*" means an interscholastic athletic game.

27 *b.* "*Contest official*" means a referee, umpire, judge, or
28 other official in an athletic contest.

29 *c.* "*Extracurricular interscholastic activity*" means any
30 extracurricular interscholastic activity, contest, or practice,
31 including sports, dance, or cheerleading.

32 *d.* "*Licensed health care provider*" means a physician,
33 physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse
34 practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic trainer
35 licensed by a board designated under section 147.13.

1 3. *Training.*

2 a. The Iowa high school athletic association and the Iowa
3 girls high school athletic union shall work together to develop
4 training materials and courses regarding concussions and brain
5 injuries, including training regarding evaluation, prevention,
6 symptoms, risks, and long-term effects of concussions and brain
7 injuries. Each coach or contest official shall complete such
8 training at least every two years.

9 b. Individuals required to complete training pursuant to
10 this subsection shall submit proof of such completion to the
11 board of directors of the school district or the authorities in
12 charge of the accredited nonpublic school within thirty days
13 of such completion.

14 4. *Guidelines and information sheet.*

15 a. The Iowa high school athletic association and the
16 Iowa girls high school athletic union shall work together to
17 distribute the centers for disease control and prevention
18 guidelines and other pertinent information to inform and
19 educate coaches, students, and the parents and guardians
20 of students of the risks, signs, symptoms, and behaviors
21 consistent with a concussion or brain injury, including
22 the danger of continuing to participate in extracurricular
23 interscholastic activities after suffering a concussion or
24 brain injury and their responsibility to report such signs,
25 symptoms, and behaviors if they occur.

26 b. Annually, each school district and nonpublic school shall
27 provide to the parent or guardian of each student a concussion
28 and brain injury information sheet, as provided by the Iowa
29 high school athletic association and the Iowa girls high
30 school athletic union. The student and the student's parent
31 or guardian shall sign and return the concussion and brain
32 injury information sheet to the student's school prior to the
33 student's participation in any extracurricular interscholastic
34 activity for grades seven through twelve.

35 5. *Removal from participation.* If a student's coach,

1 contest official, or licensed health care provider observes
2 signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or
3 brain injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity,
4 the student shall be immediately removed from participation.

5 6. *Return-to-play protocols.* The Iowa high school athletic
6 association and the Iowa girls high school athletic union
7 shall work together to develop a return-to-play protocol,
8 based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with the
9 guidelines of the centers for disease control and prevention
10 of the United States department of health and human services,
11 for a student's return to participation in an extracurricular
12 interscholastic activity after showing signs, symptoms, or
13 behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury. The
14 board of directors of each school district and the authorities
15 in charge of each accredited nonpublic school with enrolled
16 students who participate in an extracurricular interscholastic
17 activity which is a contest in grades seven through twelve
18 shall adopt such protocols.

19 7. *Protective gear.* For school budget years beginning on
20 or after July 1, 2017, the board of directors of each school
21 district and the authorities in charge of each accredited
22 nonpublic school with enrolled students who participate
23 in an extracurricular interscholastic activity which is a
24 contest in grades seven through twelve shall provide students
25 participating in such contests with any protective gear,
26 including but not limited to helmets and pads required for the
27 activity by law, by the rules for such contests, or by Iowa
28 high school athletic association or Iowa girls high school
29 athletic union guidelines. However, an individual student
30 is responsible for other protective gear that the individual
31 student needs but that is not required for participation in the
32 contest as provided in this subsection.

33 8. *Use of general fund.*

34 a. For school budget years beginning on or after July 1,
35 2017, the board of directors of a school district, by board

1 resolution, may transfer from the school district's general
2 fund to the student activity fund an amount necessary for any
3 of the following:

4 (1) To purchase protective gear required by subsection 7.

5 (2) To employ or engage a licensed health care provider to
6 provide preventative and other medical services for students
7 during participation in any extracurricular interscholastic
8 activity.

9 b. The board of directors shall consider all available
10 cost-neutral options to pay for the activities described in
11 subsection 1, including but not limited to volunteers, in-kind
12 or other free services, and sponsorship by third parties.

13 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS. A person required to
14 complete training pursuant to section 280.13C, subsection 3, as
15 enacted by this division of this Act, has until July 1, 2018,
16 to initially complete such training.

17 Sec. 6. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
18 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
19 compliance with any state mandate included in this division
20 of this Act shall be paid by a school district from state
21 school foundation aid received by the school district under
22 section 257.16. This specification of the payment of the state
23 cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related
24 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional
25 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of
26 this division of this Act by and enforcement of this division
27 of this Act against all affected school districts.

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 Division I of this bill provides that an applicant for a
32 coaching authorization or coaching endorsement issued by the
33 board of educational examiners and a person employed by a
34 school district as a coach must possess a valid certificate of
35 completion of a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary

1 resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

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

6 Division II of the bill strikes current Code section 280.13C
7 relating to concussion and brain injury policies and creates
8 new Code section 280.13C relating to the same subject.

9 The division requires the Iowa high school athletic
10 association (IHSAA) and the Iowa girls high school athletic
11 union (IGHSAU) to work together to develop training materials
12 and courses regarding concussions and brain injuries. The
13 division requires each coach or contest official to complete
14 such training at least every two years. The division requires
15 individuals required to complete training to submit proof of
16 such completion to the school board or authorities in charge
17 of the accredited nonpublic school within 30 days of such
18 completion. The division provides that a person required to
19 complete such training has until July 1, 2018, to initially
20 complete the training.

21 The division requires the IHSAA and the IGHSU to work
22 together to distribute the centers for disease control and
23 prevention guidelines and other pertinent information to
24 inform and educate coaches, students, and the parents and
25 guardians of students of the risks, signs, symptoms, and
26 behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury. The
27 division requires each school district and nonpublic school to
28 annually provide to the parent or guardian of each student a
29 concussion and brain injury information sheet, as provided by
30 the IHSAA and the IGHSU. The division requires the student
31 and the student's parent or guardian to sign and return
32 the information sheet to the student's school prior to the
33 student's participation in any extracurricular interscholastic
34 activity for grades 7 through 12.

35 The division requires that a student be immediately removed

1 from participation in an extracurricular interscholastic
2 activity if the student's coach, contest official, or licensed
3 health care provider observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors
4 consistent with a concussion or brain injury.

5 The division requires the IHSAA and the IGHSAU to work
6 together to develop a return-to-play protocol for a student's
7 return to participation in an extracurricular interscholastic
8 activity after showing signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent
9 with a concussion or brain injury. The division requires the
10 school board and the authorities in charge of each accredited
11 nonpublic school with enrolled students who participate in an
12 extracurricular interscholastic activity which is a contest in
13 grades 7 through 12 to adopt such protocols.

14 The division requires the school board and the authorities
15 in charge of each accredited nonpublic school with enrolled
16 students who participate in an extracurricular interscholastic
17 activity which is a contest in grades 7 through 12, for school
18 budget years beginning July 1, 2017, to provide students
19 participating in such contests with any protective gear
20 required for the activity by law, by the rules for such
21 contests, or by IHSAA or IGHSAU guidelines. The division
22 provides that an individual student is responsible for other
23 protective gear that the individual student needs but that is
24 not required for participation in the contest as provided in
25 the division.

26 The division permits a school board, by board resolution, to
27 transfer funds from the school district's general fund to the
28 student activity fund for certain activities specified in the
29 division. The division requires the school board to consider
30 all available cost-neutral options to pay for such activities.

31 The division provides legislative findings.

32 The division may include a state mandate as defined in Code
33 section 25B.3. The division requires that the state cost of
34 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
35 district from state school foundation aid received by the

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1 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
3 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
4 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
5 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
6 mandates included in the division.