

Senate File 287 - Introduced

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BY CHAPMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating academic eligibility standards for public
2 school students participating in extracurricular
3 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.13, Code 2019, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **280.13 Requirements for interscholastic athletic contests and**
4 **competitions.**

5 1. A public school shall not participate in or allow
6 students representing a public school to participate in any
7 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
8 which is sponsored or administered by an organization as
9 defined in this section subsection, unless the organization
10 is registered with the department of education, files
11 financial statements with the department in the form and at
12 the intervals prescribed by the director of the department of
13 education, and is in compliance with rules which the state
14 board of education adopts for the proper administration,
15 supervision, operation, adoption of eligibility requirements,
16 and scheduling of extracurricular interscholastic athletic
17 contests and competitions and the organizations. Such rules
18 shall not include academic eligibility standards for students
19 participating in extracurricular interscholastic athletic
20 contests or competitions. For the purposes of this ~~section~~
21 subsection, "*organization*" means a corporation, association,
22 or organization which has as one of its primary purposes the
23 sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic
24 athletic contests or competitions, but does not include an
25 agency of this state, a public or private school or school
26 board, or an athletic conference or other association whose
27 interscholastic contests or competitions do not include more
28 than twenty-four schools.

29 2. The Iowa high school athletic association and the Iowa
30 girls high school athletic union shall jointly develop and
31 implement a policy establishing academic eligibility standards
32 for students participating in extracurricular interscholastic
33 athletic contests or competitions. The policy shall not impose
34 multiple periods of ineligibility for a single violation of the
35 policy.

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1 notice to that effect to the department. The bill requires the
2 department to commence rulemaking to rescind such rules upon
3 receiving such notice.