

Senate File 437 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 437
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 287)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to academic eligibility standards for public
2 school students participating in school-approved activities.
3 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 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](#), unless the organization is registered
10 with the department of education, files financial statements
11 with the department in the form and at the intervals prescribed
12 by the director of the department of education, and is in
13 compliance with rules which the state board of education adopts
14 for the proper administration, supervision, operation, adoption
15 of eligibility requirements, and scheduling of extracurricular
16 interscholastic athletic contests and competitions and the
17 organizations. Such rules shall not impose multiple periods of
18 ineligibility on a student for all school-approved activities
19 for a single violation of the rules. For the purposes of
20 this section, "*organization*" means a corporation, association,
21 or organization which has as one of its primary purposes the
22 sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic
23 athletic contests or competitions, but does not include an
24 agency of this state, a public or private school or school
25 board, or an athletic conference or other association whose
26 interscholastic contests or competitions do not include more
27 than twenty-four schools.

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 This bill provides that rules adopted by the state board
32 of education for the proper administration, supervision,
33 operation, adoption of eligibility requirements, and scheduling
34 of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests and
35 competitions and sponsoring organizations shall not impose

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- 1 multiple periods of ineligibility on a student for all
- 2 school-approved activities for a single violation of the rules.