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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certain athletic competitions between
2 institutions of higher education governed by the state board
3 of regents.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 262.101 National collegiate
2 athletic association competitions between regents institutions.

3 1. An institution of higher education under the board's
4 control that participates in intercollegiate athletics
5 sanctioned by the national collegiate athletic association
6 shall schedule to compete against each other institution of
7 higher education under the board's control that participates in
8 intercollegiate athletics sanctioned by the national collegiate
9 athletic association at least one time each year in each sport
10 that the national collegiate athletic association sanctions and
11 that both institutions of higher education participate.

12 2. In making schedules or making contractual obligations
13 that affect schedules for athletics sanctioned by the
14 national collegiate athletic association, the institutions
15 of higher education under the board's control shall
16 prioritize competitions against private in-state colleges and
17 universities over competitions against out-of-state colleges
18 and universities when both the institution of higher education
19 under the board's control and in-state college or university
20 compete in the same national collegiate athletic association
21 division.

22 3. If an institution of higher education under the board's
23 control is scheduled to compete against another institution
24 of higher education under the board's control that is not in
25 the same national collegiate athletic association division or
26 subdivision, the competition shall take place at the athletic
27 facility of the institution of higher education under the
28 board's control considered to be in the higher division or
29 subdivision.

30 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION. An institution of higher education
31 is not required to comply with the requirements of this Act to
32 the extent that doing so would cause the institution to breach
33 a contractual obligation that the institution entered into
34 prior to the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this
35 section, a contract renewed on or after the effective date of

1 this Act is considered to be a new contract as of the renewal
2 date.

3 EXPLANATION

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

6 This bill relates to certain athletic competitions between
7 regents institutions.

8 The bill requires an institution that participates in
9 intercollegiate athletics sanctioned by the national collegiate
10 athletics association (NCAA) to schedule games against each
11 other institution of higher education under the board's control
12 that participates in intercollegiate athletics sanctioned by
13 the NCAA at least one time each year in each sport the NCAA
14 sanctions and that both institutions participate.

15 The bill requires an institution to prioritize competitions
16 against private in-state colleges and universities over
17 competitions against out-of-state colleges and universities
18 when making schedules or making contractual obligations that
19 affect schedules for the institution's NCAA athletics if both
20 the institution and in-state college or university compete in
21 the same NCAA division.

22 The bill requires, when competing institutions are not in
23 the same NCAA division or subdivision, that the competition
24 take place at the athletic facility of the institution
25 considered to be in the higher division or subdivision.

26 The bill does not require an institution of higher education
27 to comply with the requirements of the bill to the extent that
28 doing so would cause the institution to breach a contractual
29 obligation that the institution entered into prior to the
30 effective date of the bill. For purposes of the bill, a
31 contract renewed on or after the effective date of the bill is
32 considered to be a new contract as of the renewal date.