

**House File 2346 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 2346

BY GUSTOFF

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the participation in extracurricular  
2 interscholastic contests or competitions by students  
3 enrolled in public schools or nonpublic schools in grades  
4 nine through twelve.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.46, subsection 1, Code 2024, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* If the accredited nonpublic school  
4 or school district in which the child was enrolled and the  
5 accredited nonpublic school or school district in which the  
6 child is currently enrolled both agree to allow the child to  
7 participate in the contest or competition immediately.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill relates to the participation in extracurricular  
12 interscholastic contests or competitions by students enrolled  
13 in public schools or nonpublic schools in grades 9 through 12.

14 Current law requires the state board of education to  
15 adopt rules that permit a child who does not meet the  
16 residence requirements for participation in extracurricular  
17 interscholastic contests or competitions sponsored or  
18 administered by an organization, as defined in Code section  
19 280.13, to participate in the contests or competitions  
20 immediately if the child is duly enrolled in a school, is  
21 otherwise eligible to participate, and meets one of several  
22 specified circumstances. The bill adds to the list of  
23 circumstances the scenario in which the accredited nonpublic  
24 school or school district in which the child was enrolled and  
25 the accredited nonpublic school or school district in which the  
26 child is currently enrolled both agree to allow the child to  
27 participate in the contest or competition immediately. If the  
28 child does not meet one of the enumerated circumstances, the  
29 child is ineligible to compete for 90 consecutive school days.