

**House File 2467 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the eligibility to participate in varsity  
2 interscholastic athletic contests and athletic competitions  
3 of pupils who participate in open enrollment due to the  
4 death of the pupil's friend or relative.

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

1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 9, paragraph a, Code  
2 2024, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (12) If the pupil participates in open  
4 enrollment because the pupil is bereaved due to the death of  
5 the pupil's friend or relative.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to the eligibility to participate in  
10 varsity interscholastic athletic contests and athletic  
11 competitions of pupils who participate in open enrollment due  
12 to the death of the pupil's friend or relative.

13 Current law prohibits a pupil who participates in open  
14 enrollment for purposes of attending grades 9 through 12 in a  
15 school district other than the pupil's district of residence  
16 from participating in varsity interscholastic athletic contests  
17 and athletic competitions during the pupil's first 90 school  
18 days of enrollment in the receiving district. However, current  
19 law establishes several exceptions to this general prohibition  
20 that allow such a pupil to participate immediately. The bill  
21 adds to that list of exceptions circumstances where the pupil  
22 participates in open enrollment because the pupil is bereaved  
23 due to the death of the pupil's friend or relative.