

**House File 392 - Introduced**

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BY GUSTOFF

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to interscholastic activities provided by  
2 school districts and nonpublic schools.

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

1 Section 1. Section 280.13A, subsection 1, Code 2023, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. If a school district or nonpublic school does not provide  
4 an interscholastic activity for its students, the board of  
5 directors of that school district or the authorities in charge  
6 of the nonpublic school ~~may~~ shall complete an agreement with  
7 another school district or nonpublic school to provide for  
8 the eligibility of its students in interscholastic activities  
9 provided by that other school district or nonpublic school. A  
10 copy of each agreement completed under this section shall be  
11 filed with the appropriate organization as organization is  
12 defined in section 280.13 not later than April 30 of the school  
13 year preceding the school year in which the agreement takes  
14 effect, unless an exception is granted by the organization for  
15 good cause. An agreement completed under this section shall  
16 be deemed approved unless denied by the governing organization  
17 within ten days after its receipt. A governing organization  
18 shall determine whether an agreement would substantially  
19 prejudice the interscholastic activities of other schools. An  
20 agreement denied by a governing organization under this section  
21 may be appealed to the state board of education under chapter  
22 290.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to interscholastic activities provided by  
27 school districts and nonpublic schools.

28 Current Code section 280.13A provides that if a  
29 school district or nonpublic school does not provide an  
30 interscholastic activity for its students, the board of  
31 directors of that school district or the authorities in  
32 charge of the nonpublic school may complete an agreement with  
33 another school district or nonpublic school to provide for  
34 the eligibility of its students in interscholastic activities  
35 provided by that other school district or nonpublic school.

1 The bill modifies this provision to require the school district  
2 or nonpublic school that does not provide an interscholastic  
3 activity to complete an agreement with another school district  
4 or nonpublic school to provide for the eligibility of its  
5 students in interscholastic activities provided by that other  
6 school district or nonpublic school. The bill does not affect  
7 the authority of an organization to deny such an agreement if  
8 the agreement would substantially prejudice the interscholastic  
9 activities of other schools. For purposes of Code section  
10 280.13A, "organization" means an organization which has as  
11 one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration  
12 of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or  
13 competitions, but does not include an agency of this state,  
14 a public or private school or school board, or an athletic  
15 conference or other association whose interscholastic contests  
16 or competitions do not include more than 24 schools.