

Senate File 416 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the expenditure of certain public moneys for
2 dues or membership fees to high school organizations that do
3 not use required enrollment calculations when determining
4 school classifications for extracurricular interscholastic
5 activities.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.13D Limitation on expenditure
2 of certain public moneys for high school organizations — school
3 classifications.

4 1. For the purposes of this section:

5 a. "*Extracurricular interscholastic activity*" means a contest
6 or competition for sports between different schools and outside
7 the regular scope of a school's curriculum.

8 b. "*Organization*" means a corporation, association,
9 or organization which has as one of its primary purposes
10 the sponsoring or administration of an extracurricular
11 interscholastic activity, but does not include an agency of
12 this state, a public or private school or school board, or an
13 athletic conference or other association whose interscholastic
14 contests or competitions do not include more than twenty-four
15 schools.

16 2. On or after January 1, 2025, a school district or a
17 charter school shall not expend any moneys, and an accredited
18 or unaccredited nonpublic school shall not expend any moneys
19 originating from the state, to pay dues or membership fees
20 to an organization, and the school shall not be a member of,
21 participate in activities associated with, or receive services
22 from an organization unless the organization, for each school
23 year beginning on or after July 1, 2024, classifies, for the
24 purposes of an extracurricular interscholastic activity, each
25 school participating in an extracurricular interscholastic
26 activity based on the school's enrollment, provided that the
27 enrollment number for nonpublic schools shall be adjusted
28 pursuant to subsection 3.

29 3. a. Prior to the beginning of a school calendar, each
30 nonpublic school shall provide an organization with the
31 school's number of enrolled students. When determining a
32 school's classification, an organization shall adjust the
33 enrollment number of a nonpublic school that accepts payment
34 from an education savings account established pursuant to
35 section 257.11B, as enacted by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File

1 68, section 7, for the same school year, by multiplying the
2 number of the nonpublic school's enrolled students by one and
3 one-half.

4 b. The adjustment made pursuant to this subsection shall
5 not cause the nonpublic school to be placed in a classification
6 that is more than one greater than the classification the
7 nonpublic school would have received without the enrollment
8 adjustment.

9 4. This section shall not apply to eight-person football.

10 Sec. 2. SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023. An organization
11 may classify schools according to the methodology described
12 in section 1 of this Act for the school year beginning July
13 1, 2023, and school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic
14 schools may expend moneys to pay dues or membership fees to an
15 organization that does so.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill relates to the expenditure of public moneys for
20 dues or membership fees to high school organizations that do
21 not use required enrollment calculations when determining
22 school classifications for extracurricular interscholastic
23 activities.

24 The bill defines "extracurricular interscholastic activity"
25 as a contest or competition for sports between different
26 schools and outside the regular scope of a school's curriculum.

27 The bill defines "organization" as a corporation,
28 association, or organization which has as one of its primary
29 purposes the sponsoring or administration of an extracurricular
30 interscholastic activity, but does not include an agency of
31 this state, a public or private school or school board, or an
32 athletic conference or other association whose interscholastic
33 contests or competitions do not include more than 24 schools.

34 The bill prohibits a school district or charter school
35 from expending any moneys to pay dues or membership fees to a

1 high school organization, or be a member of, participate in
2 activities associated with, or receive services from such an
3 organization after January 1, 2025, unless the organization,
4 for the purposes of an extracurricular interscholastic
5 activity, classifies each school participating in an
6 extracurricular interscholastic activity for each school year
7 beginning on or after July 1, 2024, based on enrollment, as
8 adjusted for nonpublic schools that accept payment from an
9 education savings account pursuant to the program enacted
10 by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68. Adjusted enrollment is
11 calculated by multiplying the total number of students enrolled
12 in the nonpublic school by 1.5. However, an organization
13 cannot move a nonpublic school up more than one classification.
14 Each nonpublic school must give its enrollment numbers to an
15 organization prior to the beginning of a school calendar.

16 The bill does not apply to eight-person football.

17 For the school year beginning July 1, 2023, the bill provides
18 that an organization may classify schools according to the
19 methodology described in the bill, and school districts,
20 charter schools, and nonpublic schools may expend moneys to pay
21 dues or membership fees to an organization that does so.