

Senate File 87 - Introduced

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BY BROWN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to student cardiac evaluations during physical
2 examinations required to partake in school athletics.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 **280.13 Requirements for interscholastic athletic contests and**
4 **competitions.**

5 1. A public school shall not participate in or allow
6 students representing a public school to participate in any
7 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
8 which is sponsored or administered by an organization as
9 defined in [this section](#), unless the organization is registered
10 with the department of education, files financial statements
11 with the department in the form and at the intervals prescribed
12 by the director of the department of education, and is in
13 compliance with rules which the state board of education adopts
14 for the proper administration, supervision, operation, adoption
15 of eligibility requirements, and scheduling of extracurricular
16 interscholastic athletic contests and competitions and the
17 organizations.

18 2. Rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant
19 to this section shall require that physical examinations of
20 students taken as a prerequisite to participate in athletic
21 contests and competitions include a cardiac evaluation.

22 3. For the purposes of [this section](#) "*organization*" means
23 a corporation, association, or organization which has as one
24 of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration
25 of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
26 competitions, but does not include an agency of this state,
27 a public or private school or school board, or an athletic
28 conference or other association whose interscholastic contests
29 or competitions do not include more than twenty-four schools.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 Currently, students who wish to participate in
34 interscholastic sports activities are required by department
35 of education rule to receive a physical examination annually

1 to determine that the student may safely engage in athletic
2 competition. This bill requires rules adopted by the state
3 board of education to require that physical examinations of
4 students must include a cardiac evaluation if the examination
5 is taken as a prerequisite to participate in athletic contests
6 and competitions.