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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to nonpublic school student participation in
2 extracurricular interscholastic activities provided by public
3 schools.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 280.13D, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **280.13D Participation in extracurricular interscholastic**
4 **athletic contests or competitions and extracurricular**
5 **interscholastic activities provided by public schools.**

6 1. a. The board of directors of a school district shall
7 allow a student who resides within the school district, and
8 who is enrolled in a nonpublic school, to participate in any
9 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition,
10 and any extracurricular interscholastic activity, including
11 theater, show choir, and band, that is provided by the school
12 district pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the board
13 of directors of the school district and the authorities in charge
14 of the nonpublic school that provides for the eligibility of the
15 student, if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

16 (1) The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
17 competition or extracurricular interscholastic activity has not
18 been provided by the nonpublic school during the two immediately
19 preceding school years.

20 (2) The nonpublic school has not entered into an agreement
21 under section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic
22 school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility
23 of students enrolled in the nonpublic school to participate
24 in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
25 competition or extracurricular interscholastic activity that is
26 being provided by that school district, nonpublic school, or
27 charter school.

28 b. The board of directors of a school district shall allow
29 a student who resides within a contiguous school district, and
30 who is enrolled in a nonpublic school, to participate in any
31 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
32 and any extracurricular interscholastic activity that is provided
33 by the school district pursuant to the terms of an agreement
34 between the board of directors of the school district and the
35 authorities in charge of the nonpublic school that provides for

1 the eligibility of the student, if all of the following criteria
2 are satisfied:

3 (1) The extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
4 competition or extracurricular interscholastic activity has not
5 been provided by the nonpublic school or by the student's school
6 district of residence during the two immediately preceding school
7 years.

8 (2) The nonpublic school has not entered into an agreement
9 under section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic
10 school, or charter school that provides for the eligibility
11 of students enrolled in the nonpublic school to participate
12 in the extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
13 competition or extracurricular interscholastic activity that is
14 being provided by that school district, nonpublic school, or
15 charter school.

16 c. If the board of directors of a school district has
17 established a fee for the cost of a student's participation in an
18 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
19 or extracurricular interscholastic activity, a student who is
20 enrolled in a nonpublic school and is participating in a contest,
21 ~~or~~ competition, or activity at a public school pursuant to
22 paragraph "a" or "b", or the student's parent or guardian, shall
23 be responsible for the payment of such fee. The amount of
24 such fee shall not exceed the amount of the fee the board of
25 directors of the school district has established for students who
26 are enrolled in the school district.

27 2. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school and is
28 participating in a an extracurricular interscholastic contest
29 or competition or extracurricular interscholastic activity at a
30 public school pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "b",
31 shall participate under the same conditions as a student who is
32 enrolled in the school district, including meeting the school
33 district's student code of conduct requirements.

34 3. A student who participates in an extracurricular
35 interscholastic athletic contest or competition or

1 extracurricular interscholastic activity pursuant to this section
2 shall be deemed to satisfy the residence requirements for
3 purposes of section 256.46.

4 EXPLANATION

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

7 This bill relates to participation in extracurricular
8 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions and
9 extracurricular interscholastic activities provided by public
10 schools. Under current law, a student who resides within the
11 school district, and who is enrolled in a nonpublic school,
12 may participate in any extracurricular interscholastic athletic
13 contest or competition offered by the district if the contest
14 or competition has not been provided by the nonpublic school
15 during the two immediately preceding school years, and the
16 nonpublic school has not entered into an agreement under Code
17 section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic school,
18 or charter school.

19 Current law further provides that a student who resides within
20 a contiguous school district, and who is enrolled in a nonpublic
21 school, may participate in any extracurricular interscholastic
22 athletic contest or competition offered by the district if the
23 contest or competition has not been provided by the nonpublic
24 school during the two immediately preceding school years, and the
25 nonpublic school has not entered into an agreement under Code
26 section 280.13A with another school district, nonpublic school,
27 or charter school.

28 Current law also provides that if the board of directors
29 of the public school district has established a fee for
30 participation in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic
31 contest or competition, the nonpublic school student, or the
32 student's parent or guardian, shall be responsible for the
33 payment of such fee. A nonpublic school student who participates
34 in a contest or competition at a public school must participate
35 under the same conditions as a student enrolled in the

1 school district, and shall be deemed to satisfy the residence
2 requirements established in Code section 256.46.

3 The bill provides that nonpublic school students may
4 participate in extracurricular interscholastic activities at
5 public schools, including theater, show choir, and band, in the
6 same manner as they may for interscholastic athletic contests or
7 competitions.

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