

House File 2508 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 679)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to noncontact periods for students, coaches,
2 directors, and teachers in extracurricular interscholastic
3 athletic contests and competitions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 280.13, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027
4 school year, the corporation, association, or organization
5 observes the noncontact periods described in this subparagraph,
6 during which a coach, director, or teacher shall not have
7 contact with students regarding extracurricular interscholastic
8 athletic contests or competitions, including athletics, dance or
9 cheerleading, band, show choir, and theater, and extracurricular
10 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions do not occur.
11 All high school students, including incoming ninth grade
12 students, shall be subject to a noncontact period and shall not
13 have contact, on or off school premises, with coaches, directors,
14 or teachers, or use school facilities for extracurricular
15 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions during a
16 noncontact period.

17 (b) The summer noncontact period must consist of a continuous
18 ten-day period occurring during the summer.

19 (c) The fall noncontact period must consist of a continuous
20 seven-day period occurring in November.

21 (d) The winter noncontact period must consist of the
22 continuous period occurring between December 25 and January 1.

23 (e) The spring noncontact period must consist of a continuous
24 seven-day period occurring during the spring break period.

25 (f) Organizations that operate nonschool-sponsored
26 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions
27 in this state shall observe the noncontact periods in this
28 subparagraph.

29 **EXPLANATION**

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

32 This bill relates to noncontact periods for students, coaches,
33 directors, and teachers in extracurricular interscholastic
34 athletic contests and competitions.

35 The bill requires an organization under Code section

1 280.13 to observe noncontact periods beginning with the
2 2026-2027 school year. An organization is an entity that
3 registers with the department of education and administers,
4 supervises, operates, adopts eligibility requirements for, and
5 schedules extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests and
6 competitions. During a noncontact period, a coach, director,
7 or teacher shall not have contact with students regarding
8 extracurricular and interscholastic athletics and extracurricular
9 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions do not occur.
10 Extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions
11 include athletics, dance or cheerleading, band, show choir,
12 and theater. All high school students, including incoming
13 ninth grade students, shall be subject to a noncontact period
14 and shall not have contact, on or off school premises, with
15 coaches, directors, or teachers, or use school facilities for
16 extracurricular and interscholastic athletics during a noncontact
17 period.

18 The bill requires the summer noncontact period to consist of
19 a continuous 10-day period occurring during the summer. The fall
20 noncontact period must consist of a continuous seven-day period
21 occurring in November. The winter noncontact period must consist
22 of a continuous period occurring between December 25 and January
23 1. The spring noncontact period must consist of a continuous
24 seven-day period occurring during the spring break period.

25 The bill requires organizations that operate
26 nonschool-sponsored extracurricular interscholastic athletic
27 contests or competitions in the state to observe the noncontact
28 periods in the bill.