

House File 2686 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2307)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the board of educational examiners to issue
2 provisional coaching authorizations.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) The board shall issue a transitional coaching
4 authorization to an individual who is at least twenty-one
5 years of age and who provides verification of an offer of a
6 coaching position by a school or a consortium of schools, but
7 who has not completed the coursework required for a coaching
8 authorization as specified in paragraph "a". A transitional
9 coaching authorization is valid for not more than one year,
10 shall not be renewed, and is valid only in the school or
11 consortium of schools making the offer of the coaching position.
12 A consortium of schools may include a school district, a school
13 district school attendance center, or an accredited nonpublic
14 school, or any combination thereof. However, prior to issuing
15 a transitional coaching authorization to an individual under this
16 paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), the board shall ensure that the
17 individual meets all of the following requirements:

18 (1) (a) Completes a shortened course of training relating to
19 the code of professional rights and responsibilities, practices,
20 and ethics developed in accordance with section 256.146,
21 subsection 1, paragraph "a", by the board specifically for
22 transitional coaches.

23 (2) (b) Completes the child and dependent adult abuse
24 mandatory reporter training required by sections 232.69 and
25 235B.16.

26 (3) (c) Completes a nationally recognized concussion in
27 youth sports training course.

28 (4) (d) Complies with the background investigation
29 requirements established by the board pursuant to section
30 256.146, subsection 16.

31 (2) (a) The board shall issue a provisional coaching
32 authorization to an individual who satisfies all of the following
33 requirements:

34 (i) The individual complies with the background investigation
35 requirements established by the board pursuant to section

1 256.146, subsection 16.

2 (ii) The individual successfully completes training related
3 to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

4 (iii) The individual successfully completes training related
5 to how to use an automated external defibrillator.

6 (iv) The individual successfully completes the concussion in
7 sports course created by the national federation of state high
8 school associations.

9 (v) The individual successfully completes the child and
10 dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training required by
11 sections 232.69 and 235B.16.

12 (b) A provisional coaching authorization shall expire upon
13 the earlier of the end of the sport season for which the
14 individual was issued the provisional coaching authorization or
15 the passage of one hundred eighty days from the issuance of the
16 provisional coaching authorization.

17 (c) A provisional coaching authorization shall not be
18 renewed.

19 (d) The board shall allow an individual who holds a
20 provisional coaching authorization to convert the provisional
21 coaching authorization to a coaching authorization if the
22 individual does any of the following:

23 (i) Successfully completes the requirements established in
24 paragraph "a".

25 (ii) Successfully completes a coaching education course
26 provided by an area education agency or coordinated by an area
27 education agency pursuant to section 273.2, subsection 8A.

28 (iii) Successfully completes the fundamentals of coaching
29 course created by the national federation of state high school
30 associations.

31 (iv) Successfully completes relevant higher-education
32 coursework, including coursework for which partial credit is
33 provided.

34 (v) Provides the board with evidence of prior coaching
35 experience.

1 (vi) Successfully completes comparable leadership and safety
2 training, including training provided in conjunction with any of
3 the following:

4 (A) Service in the armed forces of the United States.

5 (B) Service in the national guard as defined in section
6 29A.1.

7 (C) Service as a first responder as defined in section
8 147A.1.

9 Sec. 2. Section 273.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. The board of an area education agency
12 shall develop a coaching education course that can be used
13 by area education agency employees to provide training to
14 individuals who hold a provisional coaching authorization and are
15 trying to convert such authorization to a coaching authorization
16 pursuant to section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
17 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (d).

18 Sec. 3. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a,
19 subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

20 (3) A qualified individual who meets the requirements of
21 section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1),
22 and possesses a transitional coaching authorization issued by the
23 board of educational examiners.

24 Sec. 4. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
25 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) A qualified individual who meets
27 the requirements of section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph
28 "b", subparagraph (2), and possesses a provisional coaching
29 authorization issued by the board of educational examiners.

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 This bill authorizes the board of educational examiners (BOEE)
34 to issue provisional coaching authorizations.

35 The BOEE is required to issue a provisional coaching

1 authorization to an individual who complies with established
2 background check requirements; successfully completes training
3 related to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an
4 automated external defibrillator; successfully completes the
5 concussion in sports course created by the national federation
6 of state high school associations (NFHS); and who successfully
7 completes child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter
8 training. A provisional coaching authorization expires upon the
9 earlier of the end of the sport season for which the individual
10 was issued the authorization or the passage of 180 days from the
11 issuance of the authorization.

12 The bill requires the BOEE to allow an individual holding a
13 provisional coaching authorization to convert the authorization
14 to a coaching authorization if the individual successfully
15 completes the preexisting requirements to obtain a coaching
16 authorization; successfully completes a coaching education course
17 provided by an area education agency; successfully completes the
18 coaching credential stack created by NFHS; successfully completes
19 relevant higher-education coursework; provides the BOEE with
20 evidence of prior coaching experience; or if the individual
21 successfully completes comparable leadership and safety training.

22 Current law authorizes a school district to employ for
23 head coach of any interscholastic athletic activities, or for
24 assistant coach of any interscholastic athletic activity, an
25 individual who possesses a coaching authorization issued by
26 the BOEE or a teaching license with a coaching endorsement.
27 Current law also establishes the order in which school districts
28 are required to consider applicants for such positions, with
29 individuals who possess a valid teaching license with a proper
30 coaching endorsement being considered first, individuals who
31 possess a coaching authorization being considered second, and
32 individuals with a transitional coaching authorization being
33 considered third. The bill provides that individuals who possess
34 a provisional coaching authorization shall be considered fourth.

35 The bill requires area education agencies to develop a

1 coaching education course that can be used by area education
2 agency employees to provide training to individuals who hold a
3 provisional coaching authorization and are trying to convert such
4 authorization to a coaching authorization.

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