

House File 471 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 86)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to school concussion and
2 brain injury policies.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 280.13C, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. "Licensed health care provider" means a physician,
4 physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse
5 practitioner, nurse, person who holds a doctorate in psychology
6 with specialty training in neuropsychology or concussion
7 management, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or
8 athletic trainer licensed by a board designated under section
9 147.13.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill modifies provisions related to school concussion and
14 brain injury policies.

15 Current Code section 280.13C requires the department of
16 health and human services, the Iowa high school athletic
17 association, and the Iowa girls high school athletic union to
18 work together to develop training materials and courses regarding
19 concussions and brain injuries, to distribute information related
20 to concussions and brain injuries, and to develop protocols
21 related to when a student may return to participation in an
22 extracurricular interscholastic activity after showing signs,
23 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain
24 injury. Current Code section 280.13C also establishes standards
25 related to when a student, at the direction of a licensed
26 health care provider, among others, should be removed from
27 participation in an extracurricular interscholastic activity due
28 to signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or
29 brain injury, as well as when the student may return following
30 removal. The bill modifies the definition of "licensed health
31 care provider" for purposes of Code section 280.13C to include
32 a person who holds a doctorate in psychology with specialty
33 training in neuropsychology or concussion management.