

**House File 513 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 220)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to participation in high school extracurricular  
2 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions by students  
3 enrolled in grade eight.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2025, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. Or. Be subject to and comply with the  
4 requirements of section 280.13D relating to the participation  
5 in high school extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests  
6 or competitions by students enrolled in grade eight in the same  
7 manner as a school district.

8 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended  
9 by adding the following new paragraph:

10 NEW PARAGRAPH. r. Be subject to and comply with the  
11 requirements of section 280.13D relating to the participation  
12 in high school extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests  
13 or competitions by students enrolled in grade eight in the same  
14 manner as a school district.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **280.13D Participation in**  
16 **extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions**  
17 **— students enrolled in grade eight.**

18 The board of directors of a school district and the  
19 authorities in charge of a nonpublic school shall allow students  
20 enrolled in grade eight who meet academic standards established  
21 by the school district or nonpublic school to participate in any  
22 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition  
23 that is provided by the school district or nonpublic school to  
24 students who are enrolled in grades nine through twelve.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill relates to participation in high school  
29 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions  
30 by students enrolled in grade eight. The bill requires school  
31 districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation  
32 zone schools to allow students enrolled in grade eight who  
33 meet academic standards established by the school to participate  
34 in any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or  
35 competition that is provided by the school to students who are

1 enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

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