

House Study Bill 679 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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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 All high school students, including incoming ninth grade
11 students, shall be subject to a noncontact period and shall not
12 have contact, on or off school premises, with coaches, directors,
13 or teachers, or use school facilities for extracurricular and
14 interscholastic athletics during a noncontact period.

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

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