

Senate File 321 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the expenditure of certain public moneys for
2 dues or membership fees to high school organizations that
3 do not use required enrollment calculations when determining
4 school classifications for extracurricular interscholastic
5 activities.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **280.13D Limitation on expenditure**
2 **of certain public moneys for high school organizations — school**
3 **classifications.**

4 1. For the purposes of this section:

5 a. "*Extracurricular interscholastic activity*" means a contest
6 or competition for sports between different schools and outside
7 the regular scope of a school's curriculum.

8 b. "*Organization*" means a corporation, association, or
9 organization which has as one of its primary purposes
10 the sponsoring or administration of an extracurricular
11 interscholastic activity, but does not include an agency of this
12 state, a public or private school or school board, or an athletic
13 conference or other association whose interscholastic contests or
14 competitions do not include more than twenty-four schools.

15 2. On or after January 1, 2027, a school district or a
16 charter school shall not expend any moneys, and an accredited
17 or unaccredited nonpublic school shall not expend any moneys
18 originating from the state, to pay dues or membership fees
19 to an organization, and the school shall not be a member of,
20 participate in activities associated with, or receive services
21 from an organization unless the organization, for each school
22 year beginning on or after July 1, 2026, classifies, for
23 the purposes of an extracurricular interscholastic activity,
24 each school participating in an extracurricular interscholastic
25 activity based on the school's enrollment, provided that the
26 enrollment number for nonpublic schools shall be adjusted
27 pursuant to subsection 3.

28 3. a. Prior to the beginning of a school calendar, each
29 nonpublic school shall provide an organization with the school's
30 number of enrolled students. When determining a school's
31 classification, an organization shall adjust the enrollment
32 number of a nonpublic school that accepts payment from an
33 education savings account established pursuant to section 257.11B
34 for the same school year, by multiplying the number of the
35 nonpublic school's enrolled students by one and one-half.

1 interscholastic activity for each school year beginning on
2 or after July 1, 2026, based on enrollment, as adjusted for
3 nonpublic schools that accept payment from an education savings
4 account. Adjusted enrollment is calculated by multiplying the
5 total number of students enrolled in the nonpublic school by 1.5.
6 However, an organization cannot move a nonpublic school up more
7 than one classification. Each nonpublic school must give its
8 enrollment numbers to an organization prior to the beginning of a
9 school calendar.

10 The bill does not apply to eight-person football.

11 For the school year beginning July 1, 2025, the bill provides
12 that an organization may classify schools according to the
13 methodology described in the bill, and school districts, charter
14 schools, and nonpublic schools may expend moneys to pay dues or
15 membership fees to an organization that does so.