

Senate File 80 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the eligibility of students
2 with individualized education programs to participate
3 in extracurricular interscholastic athletic games or
4 competitions.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **280.13D Students with**
2 **individualized education programs — eligibility for**
3 **extracurricular interscholastic athletic games or competitions.**

4 1. The lead special education teacher described in a
5 student's individualized education program shall determine
6 whether the student is eligible to participate in extracurricular
7 interscholastic athletic games or competitions provided by
8 the public school or nonpublic school in which the student
9 is enrolled. A coach or athletic director employed by the
10 public school or a nonpublic school shall not determine whether
11 such student is eligible to participate in extracurricular
12 interscholastic athletic games or competitions.

13 2. When determining whether a student with an individualized
14 education program is eligible to participate in extracurricular
15 interscholastic athletic games or competitions provided by a
16 public school or a nonpublic school pursuant to subsection 1,
17 the lead special education teacher shall consider the student's
18 record of attendance and whether the student is attaining passing
19 grades in the student's classes.

20 3. This section shall not apply to students who require
21 special education under chapter 256B and who have severe and
22 profound disabilities.

23 **EXPLANATION**

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

26 This bill relates to the eligibility of students with
27 individualized education programs (IEP) to participate in
28 extracurricular interscholastic athletic games or competitions.

29 The bill provides that the lead special education teacher
30 described in a student's IEP shall determine whether the student
31 is eligible to participate in extracurricular interscholastic
32 athletic games or competitions provided by a public school or a
33 nonpublic school. The bill establishes that a coach or athletic
34 director employed by the public school or nonpublic school shall
35 not determine whether such student is eligible to participate.

1 The bill provides that, when determining whether a student
2 with an IEP is eligible to participate in extracurricular
3 interscholastic athletic games or competitions, the lead special
4 education teacher is required to consider the student's record of
5 attendance and whether the student is attaining passing grades in
6 the student's classes.

7 The bill's provisions do not apply to students who require
8 special education and who have severe and profound disabilities.

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