

House File 2508 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 679)

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:

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,
9 dance or cheerleading, band, show choir, and theater,
10 and extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
11 competitions do not occur. All high school students, including
12 incoming ninth grade students, shall be subject to a noncontact
13 period and shall not have contact, on or off school premises,
14 with coaches, directors, or teachers, or use school facilities
15 for extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
16 competitions during a noncontact period.

17 (b) The summer noncontact period must consist of a
18 continuous 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
24 continuous seven-day period occurring during the spring break
25 period.

26 (f) Organizations that operate nonschool-sponsored
27 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
28 competitions in this state shall observe the noncontact periods
29 in this subparagraph.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill relates to noncontact periods for students,
34 coaches, directors, and teachers in extracurricular
35 interscholastic athletic contests and competitions.

1 The bill requires an organization under Code section
2 280.13 to observe noncontact periods beginning with the
3 2026-2027 school year. An organization is an entity that
4 registers with the department of education and administers,
5 supervises, operates, adopts eligibility requirements for, and
6 schedules extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests
7 and competitions. During a noncontact period, a coach,
8 director, or teacher shall not have contact with students
9 regarding extracurricular and interscholastic athletics
10 and extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
11 competitions do not occur. Extracurricular interscholastic
12 athletic contests or competitions include athletics, dance
13 or cheerleading, band, show choir, and theater. All high
14 school students, including incoming ninth grade students,
15 shall be subject to a noncontact period and shall not have
16 contact, on or off school premises, with coaches, directors,
17 or teachers, or use school facilities for extracurricular and
18 interscholastic athletics during a noncontact period.

19 The bill requires the summer noncontact period to consist of
20 a continuous 10-day period occurring during the summer. The
21 fall noncontact period must consist of a continuous seven-day
22 period occurring in November. The winter noncontact period
23 must consist of a continuous period occurring between December
24 25 and January 1. The spring noncontact period must consist
25 of a continuous seven-day period occurring during the spring
26 break period.

27 The bill requires organizations that operate
28 nonschool-sponsored extracurricular interscholastic athletic
29 contests or competitions in the state to observe the noncontact
30 periods in the bill.