

House File 2686 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2307)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the board of educational examiners to issue
2 provisional coaching authorizations.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) The board shall issue a transitional coaching
4 authorization to an individual who is at least twenty-one
5 years of age and who provides verification of an offer of a
6 coaching position by a school or a consortium of schools,
7 but who has not completed the coursework required for a
8 coaching authorization as specified in paragraph "a". A
9 transitional coaching authorization is valid for not more
10 than one year, shall not be renewed, and is valid only in
11 the school or consortium of schools making the offer of the
12 coaching position. A consortium of schools may include a
13 school district, a school district school attendance center,
14 or an accredited nonpublic school, or any combination thereof.
15 However, prior to issuing a transitional coaching authorization
16 to an individual under this paragraph "b", subparagraph (1),
17 the board shall ensure that the individual meets all of the
18 following requirements:

19 ~~(1)~~ (a) Completes a shortened course of training relating
20 to the code of professional rights and responsibilities,
21 practices, and ethics developed in accordance with section
22 256.146, subsection 1, paragraph "a", by the board specifically
23 for transitional coaches.

24 ~~(2)~~ (b) Completes the child and dependent adult abuse
25 mandatory reporter training required by [sections 232.69](#) and
26 [235B.16](#).

27 ~~(3)~~ (c) Completes a nationally recognized concussion in
28 youth sports training course.

29 ~~(4)~~ (d) Complies with the background investigation
30 requirements established by the board pursuant to section
31 256.146, subsection 16.

32 (2) (a) The board shall issue a provisional coaching
33 authorization to an individual who satisfies all of the
34 following requirements:

35 (i) The individual complies with the background

1 investigation requirements established by the board pursuant to
2 section 256.146, subsection 16.

3 (ii) The individual successfully completes training related
4 to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

5 (iii) The individual successfully completes training
6 related to how to use an automated external defibrillator.

7 (iv) The individual successfully completes the concussion
8 in sports course created by the national federation of state
9 high school associations.

10 (v) The individual successfully completes the child and
11 dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training required by
12 sections 232.69 and 235B.16.

13 (b) A provisional coaching authorization shall expire
14 upon the earlier of the end of the sport season for which the
15 individual was issued the provisional coaching authorization or
16 the passage of one hundred eighty days from the issuance of the
17 provisional coaching authorization.

18 (c) A provisional coaching authorization shall not be
19 renewed.

20 (d) The board shall allow an individual who holds a
21 provisional coaching authorization to convert the provisional
22 coaching authorization to a coaching authorization if the
23 individual does any of the following:

24 (i) Successfully completes the requirements established in
25 paragraph "a".

26 (ii) Successfully completes a coaching education course
27 provided by an area education agency or coordinated by an area
28 education agency pursuant to section 273.2, subsection 8A.

29 (iii) Successfully completes the fundamentals of coaching
30 course created by the national federation of state high school
31 associations.

32 (iv) Successfully completes relevant higher-education
33 coursework, including coursework for which partial credit is
34 provided.

35 (v) Provides the board with evidence of prior coaching

1 experience.

2 (vi) Successfully completes comparable leadership and
3 safety training, including training provided in conjunction
4 with any of the following:

5 (A) Service in the armed forces of the United States.

6 (B) Service in the national guard as defined in section
7 29A.1.

8 (C) Service as a first responder as defined in section
9 147A.1.

10 Sec. 2. Section 273.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. The board of an area education agency
13 shall develop a coaching education course that can be used
14 by area education agency employees to provide training to
15 individuals who hold a provisional coaching authorization
16 and are trying to convert such authorization to a coaching
17 authorization pursuant to section 256.165, subsection 1,
18 paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (d).

19 Sec. 3. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a,
20 subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 (3) A qualified individual who meets the requirements of
22 section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1),
23 and possesses a transitional coaching authorization issued by
24 the board of educational examiners.

25 Sec. 4. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
26 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

27 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) A qualified individual who meets
28 the requirements of section 256.165, subsection 1, paragraph
29 "b", subparagraph (2), and possesses a provisional coaching
30 authorization issued by the board of educational examiners.

31 EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill authorizes the board of educational examiners
35 (BOEE) to issue provisional coaching authorizations.

1 The BOEE is required to issue a provisional coaching
2 authorization to an individual who complies with established
3 background check requirements; successfully completes training
4 related to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an
5 automated external defibrillator; successfully completes the
6 concussion in sports course created by the national federation
7 of state high school associations (NFHS); and who successfully
8 completes child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter
9 training. A provisional coaching authorization expires upon
10 the earlier of the end of the sport season for which the
11 individual was issued the authorization or the passage of 180
12 days from the issuance of the authorization.

13 The bill requires the BOEE to allow an individual holding a
14 provisional coaching authorization to convert the authorization
15 to a coaching authorization if the individual successfully
16 completes the preexisting requirements to obtain a coaching
17 authorization; successfully completes a coaching education
18 course provided by an area education agency; successfully
19 completes the coaching credential stack created by NFHS;
20 successfully completes relevant higher-education coursework;
21 provides the BOEE with evidence of prior coaching experience;
22 or if the individual successfully completes comparable
23 leadership and safety training.

24 Current law authorizes a school district to employ for
25 head coach of any interscholastic athletic activities, or for
26 assistant coach of any interscholastic athletic activity, an
27 individual who possesses a coaching authorization issued by
28 the BOEE or a teaching license with a coaching endorsement.
29 Current law also establishes the order in which school
30 districts are required to consider applicants for such
31 positions, with individuals who possess a valid teaching
32 license with a proper coaching endorsement being considered
33 first, individuals who possess a coaching authorization being
34 considered second, and individuals with a transitional coaching
35 authorization being considered third. The bill provides that

1 individuals who possess a provisional coaching authorization
2 shall be considered fourth.

3 The bill requires area education agencies to develop a
4 coaching education course that can be used by area education
5 agency employees to provide training to individuals who hold a
6 provisional coaching authorization and are trying to convert
7 such authorization to a coaching authorization.