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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3044)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 2, 2016)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to assessing and reporting of potential
2 concussions or brain injuries in certain extracurricular
3 interscholastic athletic contests.

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

1 Section 1. Section 280.13C, Code 2016, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. *a.* The home team in an extracurricular
4 interscholastic contest in which high school athletic teams
5 participate in a collision sport shall ensure that a contest
6 health care professional is present and available to assess
7 athletic injuries at such contest.

8 *b.* The home team in an extracurricular interscholastic
9 contest in which high school athletic teams participate in a
10 contact sport is strongly encouraged to ensure that a contest
11 health care professional is present and available to assess
12 athletic injuries at such contest.

13 *c.* If an athlete who is a member of a visiting team in an
14 extracurricular interscholastic contest at which a contest
15 health care professional is present and available to assess
16 athletic injuries as provided in this section shows signs,
17 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain
18 injury, the contest health care professional shall notify the
19 visiting team's athletic director within forty-eight hours
20 after the contest occurs.

21 *d.* A contest health care professional must have completed
22 specific education or training in sports medicine or emergency
23 care and must provide evidence of such specific education or
24 training to the high school of the home team prior to serving
25 as a contest health care professional. Such education or
26 training may be gained through education, continuing education,
27 or professional experience.

28 *e.* The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant
29 to chapter 17A establishing a process whereby a high school
30 may apply for an annual waiver of the requirements of this
31 section from the department and receive such a waiver if the
32 high school demonstrates a good-faith effort to comply with the
33 requirements of this section and an inability to do so due to a
34 regional shortage of contest health care professionals.

35 *f.* The department of education, the Iowa high school

1 athletic association, and the Iowa girls high school athletic
2 union shall establish a process whereby an extracurricular
3 interscholastic athletic contest can still take place when
4 a contest health care professional who was scheduled to be
5 present and available as provided in this section is not able
6 to be present and available due to unforeseen circumstances.

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.13C, subsection 4, Code 2016, is amended
8 by adding the following new paragraphs:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0a.* "*Collision sport*" means football,
10 soccer, or wrestling.

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. *00a.* "*Contact sport*" means a sport that is
12 not a collision sport and that is defined as a contact sport by
13 the American academy of pediatrics.

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. *000a.* "*Contest health care professional*"
15 means a physician licensed under chapter 148, physical
16 therapist licensed under chapter 148A, or athletic trainer
17 licensed under chapter 152D.

18 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
19 3, shall not apply to this Act.