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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 17)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 15, 2017)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for certain emergency medical procedures
2 training requirements for school coaches and concussion
3 and brain injury policies for certain extracurricular
4 interscholastic activities, and including applicability
5 provisions.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

SCHOOL COACHES — EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES TRAINING

Section 1. Section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (05) Successful completion of a certification course for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

Sec. 2. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* An individual employed under paragraph "a" shall possess a valid certificate of completion of a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

Sec. 3. **APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS.** A person who possesses a valid teaching license with a coaching endorsement or a coaching authorization issued by the board of educational examiners prior to July 1, 2017, shall have until July 1, 2018, to meet the requirements of this division of this Act.

DIVISION II

CONCUSSIONS OR BRAIN INJURY POLICIES

Sec. 4. Section 280.13C, Code 2017, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

280.13C Concussion and brain injury policies.

1. *Legislative findings.* The general assembly finds and declares all of the following:

a. Concussions are one of the most commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities. A concussion is caused by a blow or motion to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. The risk of catastrophic injuries or death is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed.

b. Concussions are a type of brain injury that can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Concussions can occur in any organized or unorganized

1 sport or recreational activity and can result from a fall or
2 from players colliding with each other, the ground, or with
3 obstacles. Concussions can occur with or without loss of
4 consciousness, but the vast majority of concussions occur
5 without loss of consciousness.

6 *c.* Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of a
7 head injury leaves a young athlete especially vulnerable to
8 greater injury and even death. The general assembly recognizes
9 that, despite having generally recognized return-to-play
10 standards for concussions and head injuries, some affected
11 youth athletes are prematurely returned to play, resulting in
12 actual or potential physical injury or death to youth athletes
13 in this state.

14 *d.* A student athlete who has sustained a concussion may
15 need informal or formal accommodations, modifications of
16 curriculum, and monitoring by medical or educational staff
17 until the student is fully recovered. To that end, the Iowa
18 high school athletic association and the Iowa girls high school
19 athletic union are encouraged to establish and disseminate to
20 all schools in this state a return-to-school protocol that is
21 based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with
22 federal guidelines. Furthermore, all schools in this state are
23 encouraged to adopt such protocols.

24 2. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section:

25 *a.* "*Contest*" means an interscholastic athletic game.

26 *b.* "*Contest official*" means a referee, umpire, judge, or
27 other official in an athletic contest.

28 *c.* "*Extracurricular interscholastic activity*" means any
29 extracurricular interscholastic activity, contest, or practice,
30 including sports, dance, or cheerleading.

31 *d.* "*Licensed health care provider*" means a physician,
32 physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse
33 practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic trainer
34 licensed by a board designated under section 147.13.

35 3. *Training.*

1 *a.* The Iowa high school athletic association and the Iowa
2 girls high school athletic union shall work together to develop
3 training materials and courses regarding concussions and brain
4 injuries, including training regarding evaluation, prevention,
5 symptoms, risks, and long-term effects of concussions and brain
6 injuries. Each coach or contest official shall complete such
7 training at least every two years.

8 *b.* Individuals required to complete training pursuant to
9 this subsection shall submit proof of such completion to the
10 board of directors of the school district or the authorities in
11 charge of the accredited nonpublic school within thirty days
12 of such completion.

13 4. *Guidelines and information sheet.*

14 *a.* The Iowa high school athletic association and the
15 Iowa girls high school athletic union shall work together to
16 distribute the centers for disease control and prevention
17 guidelines and other pertinent information to inform and
18 educate coaches, students, and the parents and guardians
19 of students of the risks, signs, symptoms, and behaviors
20 consistent with a concussion or brain injury, including
21 the danger of continuing to participate in extracurricular
22 interscholastic activities after suffering a concussion or
23 brain injury and their responsibility to report such signs,
24 symptoms, and behaviors if they occur.

25 *b.* Annually, each school district and nonpublic school shall
26 provide to the parent or guardian of each student a concussion
27 and brain injury information sheet, as provided by the Iowa
28 high school athletic association and the Iowa girls high
29 school athletic union. The student and the student's parent
30 or guardian shall sign and return the concussion and brain
31 injury information sheet to the student's school prior to the
32 student's participation in any extracurricular interscholastic
33 activity for grades seven through twelve.

34 5. *Removal from participation.* If a student's coach,
35 contest official, or licensed health care provider observes

1 signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or
2 brain injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity,
3 the student shall be immediately removed from participation.

4 6. *Return-to-play protocols.* The Iowa high school athletic
5 association and the Iowa girls high school athletic union
6 shall work together to develop a return-to-play protocol,
7 based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with the
8 guidelines of the centers for disease control and prevention
9 of the United States department of health and human services,
10 for a student's return to participation in an extracurricular
11 interscholastic activity after showing signs, symptoms, or
12 behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury. The
13 board of directors of each school district and the authorities
14 in charge of each accredited nonpublic school with enrolled
15 students who participate in an extracurricular interscholastic
16 activity which is a contest in grades seven through twelve
17 shall adopt such protocols.

18 7. *Protective gear.* For school budget years beginning on
19 or after July 1, 2017, the board of directors of each school
20 district and the authorities in charge of each accredited
21 nonpublic school with enrolled students who participate
22 in an extracurricular interscholastic activity which is a
23 contest in grades seven through twelve shall provide students
24 participating in such contests with any protective gear,
25 including but not limited to helmets and pads required for the
26 activity by law, by the rules for such contests, or by Iowa
27 high school athletic association or Iowa girls high school
28 athletic union guidelines. However, an individual student
29 is responsible for other protective gear that the individual
30 student needs but that is not required for participation in the
31 contest as provided in this subsection.

32 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS. A person required to
33 complete training pursuant to section 280.13C, subsection 3, as
34 enacted by this division of this Act, has until July 1, 2018,
35 to initially complete such training.

1 Sec. 6. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
2 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
3 compliance with any state mandate included in this division
4 of this Act shall be paid by a school district from state
5 school foundation aid received by the school district under
6 section 257.16. This specification of the payment of the state
7 cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related
8 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional
9 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of
10 this division of this Act by and enforcement of this division
11 of this Act against all affected school districts.