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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2307)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 17, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to transitional coaching
2 authorizations issued by the board of educational examiners
3 and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

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

23 ~~(2) (a) Completes~~ The applicant successfully completes the
24 ~~child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training~~
25 ~~required by sections section 232.69 and 235B.16.~~

26 ~~(3) (b) Completes~~ The applicant successfully completes a
27 ~~nationally recognized concussion in youth sports training course.~~

28 ~~(4) (c) Complies~~ The applicant complies with the background
29 ~~investigation requirements established by the board pursuant to~~
30 ~~section 256.146, subsection 16.~~

31 ~~(d) The applicant successfully completes training related to~~
32 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~

33 ~~(e) The applicant successfully completes training related to~~
34 ~~how use an automated external defibrillator.~~

35 (2) (a) A transitional coaching authorization shall expire

1 one year after the date of issuance.

2 (b) A transitional coaching authorization shall not be
3 renewed.

4 (3) The board shall allow an individual who holds a
5 transitional coaching authorization to convert the transitional
6 coaching authorization to a coaching authorization if the
7 individual does any of the following:

8 (a) Successfully completes the requirements established in
9 paragraph "a".

10 (b) Successfully completes the fundamentals of coaching
11 course created by the national federation of state high school
12 associations.

13 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies transitional
14 coaching authorizations issued by the board of educational
15 examiners pursuant to section 256.165 on or after July 1, 2026.