

**House File 2686 - Reprinted**

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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:

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~~  
6 ~~offer of a coaching position by a school or a consortium of~~  
7 ~~schools, but who has not completed the coursework required~~  
8 ~~for a coaching authorization as specified in paragraph "a".~~  
9 ~~A 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", the board shall~~  
17 ~~ensure that the individual meets~~ satisfies all of the following  
18 requirements:

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

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

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

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

33 (d) The applicant successfully completes training related  
34 to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

35 (e) The applicant successfully completes training related

1 to how use an automated external defibrillator.

2 (2) (a) A transitional coaching authorization shall expire  
3 one year after the date of issuance.

4 (b) A transitional coaching authorization shall not be  
5 renewed.

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

10 (a) Successfully completes the requirements established in  
11 paragraph "a".

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

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