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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the state board of regents to periodically  
2 review and establish best practices, guidelines, and  
3 expectations relating to student-athlete academic excellence,  
4 conduct, and recruiting visits.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. Periodically review college student-  
4 athlete graduation rates, athlete conduct, recruitment  
5 practices, and discipline procedures at its institutions of  
6 higher education, along with policies that address those  
7 issues. Upon completion of each review, the board shall  
8 establish best practices to improve student-athlete graduation  
9 rates and promote academic excellence, guidelines for  
10 disciplinary procedures, and, at a minimum, clear expectations  
11 of student-athlete conduct and the conduct of students and  
12 university officials involved with student-athlete recruiting  
13 visits during such visits.

14 Sec. 2. REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- INITIAL REVIEW  
15 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES, GUIDELINES, AND  
16 EXPECTATIONS. The state board of regents shall complete the  
17 initial review required pursuant to section 262.9, subsection  
18 31, as enacted by this Act, implement the best practices and  
19 guidelines, and establish the expectations determined under  
20 section 262.9, subsection 31, as enacted by this Act, and  
21 shall submit its findings and identify the actions taken by  
22 the board upon completion of its review, in a report to the  
23 general assembly not later than January 15, 2007.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires the state board of regents to  
26 periodically review college student-athlete graduation rates,  
27 athlete conduct, recruitment practices, and discipline  
28 procedures at its institutions of higher education, along with  
29 policies that address those issues. The board must then  
30 establish best practices to improve student-athlete graduation  
31 rates and promote academic excellence, guidelines for  
32 disciplinary procedures, and clear expectations for student-  
33 athlete conduct and the conduct of students and university  
34 officials involved with student-athlete recruiting visits  
35 during such visits.

1 The state board of regents must complete the initial  
2 review; implement the best practices and guidelines, and  
3 establish the expectations resulting from the findings from  
4 the review; and submit its findings and identify the actions  
5 taken by the board upon completion of its review in a report  
6 to the general assembly not later than January 15, 2007.

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