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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 1)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 19, 2025)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the eligibility of students enrolled
2 in nonpublic schools to compete in extracurricular
3 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions provided
4 by public schools, and including effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.13, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **280.13 Requirements for interscholastic athletic contests and**
4 **competitions.**

5 1. A public school shall not participate in or allow
6 students representing a public school to participate in any
7 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
8 which is sponsored or administered by an organization as
9 defined in this section, unless the organization is registered
10 with the department of education, files financial statements
11 with the department in the form and at the intervals prescribed
12 by the director of the department of education, and is in
13 compliance with rules which the state board of education adopts
14 for the proper administration, supervision, operation, adoption
15 of eligibility requirements, and scheduling of extracurricular
16 interscholastic athletic contests and competitions and the
17 organizations.

18 2. a. For the purposes of this section "*organization*" means
19 a corporation, association, or organization to which all of the
20 following apply:

21 (1) The corporation, association, or organization has as
22 one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration
23 of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
24 competitions, but.

25 (2) The corporation, association, or organization monitors
26 student participation in extracurricular interscholastic
27 athletic contests or competitions pursuant to section 280.13D.

28 (3) The corporation, association, or organization, when
29 calculating a public school's or nonpublic school's enrollment
30 to determine the classification of an extracurricular
31 interscholastic athletic contest or competition provided by the
32 public school or nonpublic school, counts the enrollment of
33 another public school or nonpublic school that allows students
34 to participate in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic
35 contest or competition that is provided by the public school

1 or nonpublic school pursuant to section 280.13A or 280.13D, as
 2 one-fourth of the enrollment of students in grades nine through
 3 eleven in the other public school or nonpublic school as shown
 4 in the most recent basic education data survey.

5 b. "Organization" does not include an agency of this state,
 6 a public or private school or school board, or an athletic
 7 conference or other association whose interscholastic contests
 8 or competitions do not include more than twenty-four schools.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 280.13D Participation in
 10 **extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions**
 11 **provided by public schools.**

12 1. a. The board of directors of a school district shall
 13 allow a student who resides within the school district and
 14 who is enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in any
 15 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
 16 that is provided by the school district, but that has not been
 17 provided by the nonpublic school during the two immediately
 18 preceding school years, pursuant to the terms of an agreement
 19 between the board of directors of the school district and the
 20 authorities in charge of the nonpublic school that provides for
 21 the eligibility of the student.

22 b. The board of directors of a school district shall allow
 23 a student who resides within a contiguous school district and
 24 who is enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in any
 25 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
 26 that is provided by the school district, but that has not been
 27 provided by the nonpublic school or by the student's school
 28 district of residence during the two immediately preceding
 29 school years, pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the
 30 board of directors of the school district and the authorities
 31 in charge of the nonpublic school that provides for the
 32 eligibility of the student.

33 c. If the board of directors of a school district has
 34 established a fee for the cost of a student's participation
 35 in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or

1 competition, a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school
2 and is participating in a contest or competition at a public
3 school pursuant to paragraph "a" or "b", or the student's parent
4 or guardian, shall be responsible for the payment of such fee.
5 The amount of such fee shall not exceed the amount of the fee
6 the board of directors of the school district has established
7 for students who are enrolled in the school district.

8 2. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school and
9 is participating in a contest or competition at a public
10 school pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "b", shall
11 participate under the same conditions as a student who is
12 enrolled in the school district, including meeting the school
13 district's student code of conduct requirements.

14 3. A student who participates in an extracurricular
15 interscholastic athletic contest or competition pursuant
16 to this section shall be deemed to satisfy the residence
17 requirements for purposes of section 256.46.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
19 importance, takes effect upon enactment.