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Schools and Textbooks.

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## A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the supervision and control of interscholastic boys' athletic competition among the high schools of the state.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of  
2 the state of Iowa to provide by this act for the supervision  
3 and control of the conditions under which boys' athletic  
4 competition shall be carried on among the public high schools  
5 of the state of Iowa.

1 Sec. 2. There is hereby created as an agency of the  
2 state and to perform the functions conferred upon it by this  
3 act and such other functions as may be hereafter assigned to  
4 it from time to time by law, the state athletic control board.  
5 Said board shall consist of one (1) member of each of the five  
6 (5) districts created and defined by this act, and shall be  
7 selected in the manner provided for by this act. A member of  
8 the board shall be a superintendent, high school principal,  
9 or coach of a high school located within the district from  
10 which he is selected, and a resident of said district.

1 Sec. 3. There is hereby created the following state

2 athletic control districts, to-wit:

3 The northeast district comprised of the counties of  
4 Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee,  
5 Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw, Fayette, Clayton,  
6 Bremer, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Benton,  
7 Linn, Jones and Jackson.

8 The northwest district comprised of the counties of Lyon,  
9 Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Sioux, O'Brien, Clay,  
10 Palo Alto, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Woodbury,  
11 Ida, Sac, Calhoun and Monona.

12 The southwest district comprised of the counties of  
13 Crawford, Carroll, Greene, Harrison, Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie,  
14 Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Madison, Warren, Mills,  
15 Montgomery, Adams, Union, Clarke, Fremont, Page, Taylor,  
16 Ringgold and Decatur.

17 The central district comprised of the counties of  
18 Humboldt, Wright, Franklin, Butler, Webster, Hamilton, Hardin,  
19 Grundy, Boone, Story, Marshall, Tama, Dallas, Polk, Jasper and  
20 Poweshiek.

21 The southeast district comprised of the counties of  
22 Iowa, Johnson, Cedar, Clinton, Scott, Muscatine, Marion,  
23 Mahaska, Keokuk, Washington, Louisa, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello,  
24 Jefferson, Henry, Des Moines, Wayne, Appanoose, Davis, Van  
25 Buren and Lee.

1 Sec. 4. For the purpose of putting the provisions of  
2 this act into effect, the superintendent of public

3 instruction shall on or before July 4, 1947, mail to the  
4 superintendent of each school district in the state having a  
5 four year high school, nomination ballots whereon may be  
6 proposed by the superintendent of said school district one  
7 (1) name for member of the board of control, herein provided  
8 for, from the athletic control district in which said high  
9 school is located. The said nomination ballots shall be  
10 returned by the superintendents of schools to the office of  
11 the superintendent of public instruction on or before the  
12 first of August, 1947, and the superintendent of public  
13 instruction shall canvass said nomination ballots. On or  
14 before the 10th day of August, 1947, the superintendent of  
15 public instruction shall mail to the superintendent of each  
16 school district in the state having a four (4) year high  
17 school, election ballots for each athletic control district.  
18 Said election ballots shall contain the names of all those  
19 who received ten (10) per cent of the votes cast in the  
20 particular athletic control district for nominations, and  
21 shall upon their receipt be voted by the respective  
22 superintendents and mailed to the superintendent of public  
23 instruction. On the 25th day of August, 1947, the  
24 superintendent of public instruction shall in the presence  
25 of the auditor of state and the secretary of state open and  
26 count the ballots, and the one receiving the highest number  
27 of votes in their respective districts shall be declared  
28 elected to the board of control. The superintendent of

29 public instruction shall determine by lot which two (2) of the  
30 five (5) members thus elected shall serve until November 1,  
31 1948, which two (2) shall serve until November 1, 1949, and  
32 which one (1) shall serve until November 1, 1950, and  
33 thereafter the successors to those so elected shall serve for  
34 terms of three (3) years ending on November 1st.

1 Sec. 5. Nominations and election in the year 1948 and  
2 for each year thereafter shall be made in the same manner as  
3 provided in section four (4) of this act, except that the  
4 nomination ballots shall be mailed out on or before  
5 September 5 and returned on or before October first. That  
6 the election ballots shall be mailed on or before October 10,  
7 and counted on October 25. No board member shall be eligible  
8 to succeed himself.

1 Sec. 6. On the first Monday in November of each year the  
2 members of the state athletic control board shall meet in the  
3 office of the superintendent of public instruction in Des Moines,  
4 and organize by electing a chairman and vice-chairman from its  
5 membership. Until such time as the secretary-treasurer is  
6 elected the superintendent of public instruction shall act as  
7 secretary of the board for the purpose of recording and  
8 preserving the action of the board. For the purpose of  
9 selecting an elective secretary-treasurer of the board, the  
10 board shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction  
11 the names of three (3) persons, and from said list the  
12 superintendent of public instruction shall select the

13 executive secretary-treasurer of said board. No member of  
14 the board shall be eligible to selection as the executive  
15 secretary-treasurer.

1 Sec. 7. The executive secretary-treasurer shall qualify  
2 by executing a bond in such amount as the board shall  
3 determine. He shall perform such duties as the board shall  
4 determine, have charge of all funds at the disposal of the  
5 board and pay them out on its order, and his employment may  
6 be terminated at any time by the board. The books and accounts  
7 of the executive secretary-treasurer shall be audited once  
8 each year by an auditor from the office of the auditor of  
9 state, the cost of said audit to be paid from the funds of  
10 the board.

1 Sec. 8. The board shall have general supervision over  
2 the conditions under which public high schools in the state  
3 shall engage in interscholastic boys' athletics. It shall  
4 perform such acts and promulgate such rules and regulations  
5 as may be necessary for the execution of its functions, and  
6 it shall promulgate rules of eligibility for participation  
7 in athletic contests, provide forms of contracts for games,  
8 pass upon the competency of officials and locate and supervise  
9 state tournaments and all elimination tournaments incident  
10 thereto. Except for its power to promulgate rules and  
11 regulations for carrying out the functions of this act it  
12 may delegate and empower details of its power and authority  
13 to the executive secretary-treasurer of the board.

1     Sec. 9. No public high school in the state shall engage  
2 in interscholastic boys' athletic competition unless it has  
3 complied with the rules and regulations of the board, including  
4 the payment of assessment or dues.

1     Sec. 10. All expenses incurred by the board including the  
2 salary of the secretary-treasurer shall be paid from funds  
3 obtained from assessments or dues from the high schools of the  
4 state or from the receipts of tournaments. A sinking fund may  
5 be created not in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

1     Sec. 11. High schools in the state of Iowa other than  
2 public high schools may by signing in writing their voluntary  
3 compliance with the rules promulgated by the board which may  
4 include the payment of assessments and dues, qualify to engage  
5 in interscholastic athletic activities with public high schools.

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 385

This bill is to provide for a state athletic control board for the purpose of supervision and control of interscholastic boys' athletic competition among the high schools of the state, method of selection and duties of members of said board. It also provides for the creation of five state athletic control districts in the state. It further provides for the selection of an executive secretary-treasurer and duties of same. Provisions for expenses incurred by the board may be obtained from assessments or dues from the high schools of the state or from receipts from tournaments. High schools other than public high schools may, by compliance with certain rules, qualify to engage in interscholastic athletic activities with public high schools.