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House File 608
By SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the extent of participation by high school and junior high school boys and girls in interschool athletic contests and providing penalties for violation thereof by any such school or any such high school or junior high school students.

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

1 Section 1. No high school or junior high school student
2 shall participate in more than one scheduled or unscheduled
3 interschool athletic contest per week, except a state
4 tournament series, and then in not more than two games per
5 week, which shall be held seventy-two hours' apart.

1 Sec. 2. Any school violating this rule or permitting its
2 violation shall be suspended from all interschool athletic
3 contests for one year by order of the county superintendent
4 of public instruction, upon whom is now conferred the power
5 to make such order. Failure of the county superintendent to
6 enter such order forthwith shall invest the state superintendent
7 of public instruction with power and authority to enter such
8 order, which authority is hereby conferred. Upon written
9 complaint from a citizen of the county in which such school

10 is located to the state superintendent of public instruction
11 at Des Moines, Iowa, alleging the facts constituting the
12 claimed violation, the state superintendent of public
13 instruction shall make such investigation of the alleged
14 violation as he may determine, and if proved to his
15 satisfaction, order of penalty shall be entered. •

1 Sec. 3. Participation by any high school or junior high
2 school student of any outside team during the school year,
3 in contests for which an admission is charged or which is
4 held for advertising purposes, shall make such high school
5 or junior high school student ineligible for participation
6 in any high school inter-scholastic athletic contest for
7 a period of one year from the date of such violation.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 608

The purpose of this bill is to give all the boys and girls a better opportunity for learning and to produce a strong mind in a strong body. Boys' and girls' health has been seriously impaired by too many inter-school athletic contests. Also much valuable study time is lost for practice and "game fever" as well as agmes. The tremendous cost to the taxpayer for instruction and housing of athletics is not justified if it does not reach all the boys and girls consistently. Too often a few get too much exercise and the rest get too little exercise. The outcome of the international crisis is going to depend on the brains as well as the brawn.