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S.B. No. 1517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to broadcasting of athletic competitions sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0833 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0833. BROADCASTING OF ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS. The University Interscholastic League may not adopt a rule or policy that allows online broadcasting of an athletic competition sponsored or sanctioned by the league in a manner that requires payment to view the broadcast, including through a paid Internet subscription service.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.