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H.B. No. 230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to participation in University Interscholastic League activities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0831 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0831. PARTICIPATION IN UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES. (a) The University Interscholastic League may not deny a child eligible to attend school under Section 25.001(a) the opportunity to participate in an activity sponsored by the league on the ground that the child does not attend public school. The league may not deny a school the opportunity to participate in an activity sponsored by the league because the school is a private school. The league's rules must be designed to allow all children and schools in this state to participate in league activities in the same manner.

(b) A child is ineligible to participate in league activities for a period of 300 days after the date the child withdraws from public school if the child, at the time the child withdraws, has a grade average for the portion of the school year completed lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class, other than an identified honors or advanced class.

(c) In this section, "private school" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.081.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
2 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.