

By: Van Arsdale

H.B. No. 981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the ability of state-supported college or university football teams to participate in post-regular-season competition.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.968 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.968. CERTAIN INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS. No varsity football team from any state-supported college or university within Texas shall be allowed to participate in any intercollegiate post-regular-season competition unless that competition is part of a national playoff system consisting of no fewer than sixteen (16) teams competing in successive elimination games culminating in a final game for the national championship of that entire division or level of intercollegiate football competition. This prohibition shall be rescinded automatically on December 2, 2005 unless a similar prohibition for its state colleges or universities is adopted and effective on or before December 1, 2005, and remains in effect as of that date by each of not less than four (4) of the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington.

SECTION 2. 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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.