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S.B. No. 1790

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the ability of football teams of general academic
3 teaching institutions to participate in certain postseason
4 intercollegiate competitions.

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

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

8 Sec. 51.968. PROHIBITION REGARDING CERTAIN POSTSEASON
9 INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS. (a) In this section,
10 "general academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by
11 Section 61.003.

12 (b) The National Collegiate Athletic Association football
13 team of a general academic teaching institution may not participate
14 in an intercollegiate post-regular-season competition that is part
15 of a series that includes a national championship game unless that
16 competition is part of a national playoff system consisting of at
17 least 16 teams competing in successive elimination games resulting
18 in a final game for the national championship of that entire
19 division or level of intercollegiate competition.

20 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), this section
21 expires December 2, 2005.

22 (d) This section does not expire if a similar provision that
23 is in effect on December 1, 2005, is adopted on or before that date
24 by at least four of the following states: Alabama, Arizona,

1 California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina,
2 Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, and Washington.

3 SECTION 2. 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, 2005.