

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 3512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to local school district policies regarding student eligibility to participate in extracurricular 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 33.0814 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0814. SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY ON STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. (a) Notwithstanding Section 33.081, the board of trustees of a school district may adopt a policy governing the eligibility of a student to participate in an extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or the University Interscholastic League after a grade evaluation period in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than an identified honors or advanced class.

(b) In adopting a policy under this section, the board of trustees shall consult district faculty, coaches, band directors, and other appropriate personnel.

(c) A policy adopted under this section:

(1) may provide for any student disciplinary measure considered appropriate by the board, including special tutoring requirements, supervised study hall requirements, library time requirements, additional practice-time requirements, detention periods, or periods of suspension from participation in

1 extracurricular activities;

2 (2) must be consistent with Section 33.081(e), if the  
3 policy provides for suspension from participation in  
4 extracurricular activities of a student with a disability that  
5 significantly interferes with the student's ability to meet regular  
6 academic standards; and

7 (3) prevails over any conflicting provision in Section  
8 33.081, other than Section 33.081(e).

9 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
10 school year.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.