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S.B. No. 1718

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to physical examination requirements for participation in extracurricular athletic 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 33.093 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.093. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY. (a) In this section:

(1) "Advanced practice nurse" means a registered nurse approved by the Texas Board of Nursing to practice as an advanced practice nurse as provided by Section 301.152, Occupations Code.

(2) "Physician" means a physician licensed under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

(3) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed under Chapter 204, Occupations Code.

(b) A student may not participate in an extracurricular athletic activity, including an athletic practice, scrimmage, game, or match, sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League unless the student has submitted to the school district the student attends a completed form indicating that the student has received a physical examination conducted by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse. The form must:

1 (1) be signed by the physician, physician assistant,
2 or advanced practice nurse; and

3 (2) include a statement that, based on the
4 examination, the physician, physician assistant, or advanced
5 practice nurse has determined that the student does not have a
6 medical condition that would make participation in the athletic
7 activity hazardous for the student.

8 (c) The University Interscholastic League shall adopt rules
9 to administer this section.

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
11 school year.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.