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H.B. No. 675

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to football helmet safety requirements in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.094 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.094. FOOTBALL HELMET SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. (a) A school district may not use a football helmet that is 16 years old or older in the district's football program.

(b) A school district shall ensure that each football helmet used in the district's football program that is 10 years old or older is reconditioned at least once every two years.

(c) A school district shall maintain and make available to parents of students enrolled in the district documentation indicating the age of each football helmet used in the district's football program and the dates on which each helmet is reconditioned.

(d) The University Interscholastic League may adopt rules necessary to implement this section, provided that the rules must be approved by the commissioner in accordance with Section 33.083(b).

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.