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H.B. No. 677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to cognitive-linguistic assessments of participants in
3 extracurricular athletic activities sponsored or sanctioned by the
4 University Interscholastic League.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 33.093 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.093. COGNITIVE-LINGUISTIC ASSESSMENTS OF
9 PARTICIPANTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. (a) A
10 student who is required under University Interscholastic League or
11 school district rule or policy to receive a physical examination
12 before being allowed to participate in an athletic activity
13 sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League
14 also must receive a cognitive-linguistic assessment performed by an
15 appropriately licensed health care professional before being
16 allowed to participate in the activity, including a practice for
17 the activity.

18 (b) A student who, after sustaining a concussion, is
19 required under University Interscholastic League or school
20 district rule or policy to receive a physical examination or obtain
21 medical approval before being allowed to resume participating in or
22 practicing for an athletic activity sponsored or sanctioned by the
23 University Interscholastic League also must obtain a
24 cognitive-linguistic assessment performed by an appropriately

1 licensed health care professional before being allowed to resume
2 participating in or practicing for the activity. The results of the
3 cognitive-linguistic assessment must be considered as a factor in
4 determining whether the student is to be allowed to resume
5 participating in or practicing for the activity.

6 (c) The University Interscholastic League shall adopt rules
7 as necessary to administer this section.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.