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H.B. No. 3694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain requirements of sports officials by the University Interscholastic League.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.085 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.085. CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUES INVOLVING SPORTS OFFICIALS. (a) In this section, "sports official":

(1) means a person who officiates, judges, or in any manner enforces contest rules in any official capacity with respect to an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or other organized amateur or professional athletic competition; and

(2) includes a referee, umpire, linesman, side judge, track or field marshal, timekeeper, down marker, or scorekeeper or any other person involved in supervising competitive play.

(b) CRIMINAL BACKGROUND VERIFICATION REQUIRED. The University Interscholastic League may refuse to certify a person as a sports official or may suspend or revoke the certification of any sports official if the person has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor including:

(1) an offense involving moral turpitude;

(2) an offense involving a form of sexual or physical abuse of a minor or student or other illegal conduct in which the

1 victim is a minor or student;

2 (3) a felony offense involving the possession,  
3 transfer, sale, or distribution of or conspiracy to possess,  
4 transfer, sell, or distribute a controlled substance, as defined by  
5 Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or by 21 U.S.C. Section 801 et  
6 seq.;

7 (4) an offense involving the illegal transfer,  
8 appropriation, or use of school district funds or other district  
9 property; or

10 (5) an offense involving an attempt by fraudulent or  
11 unauthorized means to obtain or alter a professional certificate or  
12 license issued under this section.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.