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H.B. No. 3709

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reducing costs in public school 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 33.090 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.090. COST REDUCTIONS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. (a) The University Interscholastic League shall establish rules and policies to achieve annual savings of at least 20 percent in costs expended by school districts for University Interscholastic League athletic programs. The University Interscholastic League shall implement these rules and policies no later than the start of the 2012-2013 school year and shall continue the rules and policies throughout at least the 2016-2017 school year. The rules and policies proposed under this section shall be approved by the commissioner prior to implementation by the University Interscholastic League.

(b) In approving the rules and policies proposed by the University Interscholastic League under this section, the commissioner shall ensure that the proposed rules and policies will achieve the annual cost savings under Subsection (a) and will distribute cost savings proportionally under Subsection (d).

(c) To achieve the annual savings required in Subsection (a), University Interscholastic League may consider the following

1 cost saving measures including, but not limited to:

2 (1) setting limits on the number of coaches and  
3 support staff for one or more sports;

4 (2) requiring all coaches who are full-time employees  
5 of the school district to teach a minimum of one course each  
6 semester from the required curriculum under Section 28.002;

7 (3) reducing the number of games played per season;

8 (4) reducing the number of tournaments played per  
9 season;

10 (5) limiting the number of games and tournaments on  
11 weekdays;

12 (6) requiring varsity and sub-varsity participants to  
13 travel together where schedules permit to reduce school district  
14 travel costs;

15 (7) reducing the size of officiating crews;

16 (8) requiring coaches to coach more than one sport;

17 (9) allowing coaches to be employed by the school  
18 district on a part-time or voluntary basis; or

19 (10) any other cost saving measure approved by the  
20 commissioner.

21 (d) To the extent practicable, the rules and policies  
22 implemented under this section shall distribute cost savings  
23 proportionally to the cost of each sport.

24 (e) The rules and policies implemented under this section  
25 shall not be changed before 2016-2017 unless replaced with similar  
26 cost saving measures approved by the commissioner.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.