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H.B. No. 887

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 887:

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C.S.H.B. No. 887

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to full-contact drills by students who are members of a
3 high school or middle school football team that participates in
4 activities sponsored or sanctioned by the University
5 Interscholastic League.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 33.096 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 33.096. LIMITATION ON PARTICIPATION IN FULL-CONTACT
10 FOOTBALL TEAM DRILLS. (a) In this section:

11 (1) "Full-contact drill" means a drill or live game
12 simulation involving contact at game speed in which players execute
13 full tackles or blocks at a competitive pace with the intent of
14 forcing another player to the ground.

15 (2) "League" means the University Interscholastic
16 League.

17 (b) The league shall adopt a rule that prohibits a high
18 school or middle school football team that participates in
19 activities sponsored or sanctioned by the league from allowing a
20 member of the team to participate in more than a total of one hour of
21 full-contact drills per week.

22 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to the following types of
23 drills or simulations:

24 (1) a player running without opposition or resistance

1 from another person or object;

2 (2) a player running with opposition or resistance
3 from a bag, shield, or pad regardless of whether a person is holding
4 the bag, shield, or pad; and

5 (3) a player running at full speed against another
6 player until the time of contact, as long as the players remain on
7 their feet and contact between the players is made above the waist.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
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, 2013.