

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1775

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the University Interscholastic League regarding activities involving sports officials.

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. AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE REGARDING ACTIVITIES 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 similarly involved in supervising competitive play.

(b) The University Interscholastic League may not register, charge fees to, or require membership in or attempt to register, charge fees to, or require membership in any sponsoring organization of sports officials as a precondition for a sports official to contract with a school district or open-enrollment charter school.

(c) The University Interscholastic League may not sponsor

1 or organize or attempt to sponsor or organize any organization of
2 sports officials.

3 (d) The University Interscholastic League may not influence
4 or attempt to influence the selection of a sports official by a
5 school district or open-enrollment charter school.

6 (e) The University Interscholastic League may set rates or
7 fee schedules payable by a school district or open-enrollment
8 charter school to a sports official.

9 (f) Before the University Interscholastic League takes any
10 action that relates to the activities of a sports official, the
11 league must submit the proposed action to the interscholastic
12 league advisory council for review and comment.

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, 2013.