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H.B. No. 2594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on student participation in certain extracurricular competitions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0813 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0813. SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY ON STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN EXTRACURRICULAR COMPETITIONS. (a) The University Interscholastic League shall not adopt or enforce any rule that limits the ability of an independent school district to adopt a policy that allows one or more high schools from that district to sponsor academic or fine arts teams in school-sanctioned academic or fine arts competitions as representatives of their school on the basis of whether or not a competition takes place on a Sunday.

(b) The University Interscholastic League shall not adopt or enforce any rule that penalizes a student competitor who participates in one or more academic or fine arts competitions that take place on a Sunday if their independent school district has adopted a policy permitting their high school to sponsor participants in Sunday competitions.

(c) This section does not prohibit the adoption or enforcement of rules that limit participation based on academic, disciplinary or other relevant grounds.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.