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H.B. No. 347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to equal opportunity for access by home-schooled students
3 to University Interscholastic League sponsored activities;
4 authorizing a fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 33.0832 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.0832. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS
9 TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

10 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a public school that
11 participates in an activity sponsored by the University
12 Interscholastic League shall provide a home-schooled student who
13 resides in the school's attendance area with the opportunity to
14 participate in the activity on behalf of the school in the same
15 manner that the school provides the opportunity to participate to
16 students enrolled in the school.

17 (b) A home-schooled student who seeks to participate or who
18 participates in a league activity on behalf of a school is subject
19 to the relevant policies that apply to students enrolled in the
20 school, including policies regarding registration, age
21 eligibility, fees, insurance, transportation, physical condition,
22 qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of
23 behavior, and performance.

24 (c) As a condition of participation by a home-schooled

1 student in a league activity under this section, the individual who
2 primarily provides instruction to the student must submit a written
3 verification to the school indicating whether the student is:

4 (1) receiving a passing grade in each course or
5 subject taught; and

6 (2) maintaining satisfactory progress towards
7 academic advancement or promotion.

8 (d) A home-schooled student is not authorized by this
9 section to participate in a league activity during the remainder of
10 any school year during which the student was previously enrolled in
11 a public school.

12 (e) The University Interscholastic League may not prohibit
13 a home-schooled student from participating in league activities in
14 the manner authorized by this section.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
16 school year.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.