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H.B. No. 3830

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation of students under the supervision of the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice in University Interscholastic League athletic 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 33.0836 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0836. ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS UNDER SUPERVISION OF TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. (a) The University Interscholastic League shall provide students receiving educational services under the supervision of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department with the opportunity to participate in league athletic activities in the same manner that the league provides the opportunity to participate to students enrolled in public schools.

(b) The University Interscholastic League shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department regarding the policies governing:

(1) the conditions of eligibility for students under the supervision of the department in league athletic activities, including:

(A) age of students eligible to participate;  
(B) academic performance requirements for students; and

- 1                    (C) standards of behavior for students;  
2                    (2) the appropriate league in which students under the  
3 supervision of the department will participate; and  
4                    (3) the duties of the department regarding other  
5 policies of the league, including fees, insurance, and  
6 transportation.

7                    SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.