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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 21 (house committee printing) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering SECTIONS accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 33.0832 to read as follows:

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

8 (a) In this section, "home-schooled student" has the meaning
9 assigned by Section 29.916.

10 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (h), a public school
11 that participates in an activity sponsored by the University
12 Interscholastic League shall provide a home-schooled student, who
13 otherwise meets league eligibility standards to represent that
14 school in a league activity, with the opportunity to participate in
15 the activity on behalf of the school in the same manner that the
16 school provides the opportunity to participate to students enrolled
17 in the school.

18 (c) The board of trustees of each school district shall
19 require each school in the district that participates in an
20 activity sponsored by the University Interscholastic League to
21 provide a home-schooled student with the opportunity to participate
22 in the activity in accordance with Subsection (b) without imposing
23 a fee or other requirement in addition to a fee or other requirement
24 provided by this section. If a school district board of trustees
25 fails to comply with this subsection, the district is not entitled
26 to receive state funds under this title, including funds to which a
27 district is entitled under Chapter 42.

28 (d) A home-schooled student who seeks to participate or who
29 participates in a league activity on behalf of a school is subject

1 to the following relevant policies that apply to students enrolled
2 in the school: policies regarding registration, age eligibility,
3 fees, insurance, transportation, physical condition,
4 qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of
5 behavior, and performance.

6 (e) The parent or person standing in parental relation to a
7 home-schooled student is responsible for oversight of academic
8 standards relating to the student's participation in a league
9 activity. As a condition of eligibility to participate in a league
10 activity during the first six weeks of a school year, a
11 home-schooled student must demonstrate grade-level academic
12 proficiency on any nationally recognized, norm-referenced
13 assessment instrument, such as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills,
14 Stanford Achievement Test, California Achievement Test, or
15 Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills. A home-schooled student
16 demonstrates the required academic proficiency by achieving a
17 composite, core, or survey score that is within the average or
18 higher than average range of scores, as established by the
19 applicable testing service. For purposes of this subsection, a
20 school district shall accept assessment results administered or
21 reported by a third party.

22 (f) A home-schooled student's demonstration of academic
23 proficiency under Subsection (e) is sufficient for purposes of that
24 subsection for the school year in which the student achieves the
25 required score and the subsequent school year.

26 (g) After the first six weeks of a school year, the parent or
27 person standing in parental relation to a home-schooled student
28 participating in a league activity on behalf of a public school must
29 periodically, in accordance with the school's grading calendar,
30 provide written verification to the school indicating that the
31 student is receiving a passing grade in each course or subject being

1 taught.

2 (h) A home-schooled student is not authorized by this
3 section to participate in a league activity during the remainder of
4 any school year during which the student was previously enrolled in
5 a public school.

6 (i) The University Interscholastic League may not prohibit
7 a home-schooled student from participating in league activities in
8 the manner authorized by this section.

9 (j) With respect to a home-schooled student's education
10 program, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an
11 agency of this state, a school district, or any other governmental
12 body to exercise control, regulatory authority, or supervision over
13 a home-schooled student or a parent or person standing in parental
14 relation to a home-schooled student beyond the control, regulatory
15 authority, or supervision required to participate in a league
16 activity.

17 (k) Subject only to eligibility requirements under this
18 section for a home-schooled student to participate in a league
19 activity:

20 (1) the curriculum or assessment requirements,
21 performance standards, practices, or creed of the education program
22 provided to a home-schooled student may not be required to be
23 changed in order for the home-schooled student to participate in a
24 league activity; and

25 (2) for a home-schooled student participating in an
26 education program on January 1, 2017, the education program
27 provided to that student may not be required to comply with any
28 state law or agency rule relating to that education program unless
29 the law or rule was in effect on January 1, 2017.