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H.B. No. 1645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain school districts to allow students
who participate in Special Olympics to earn a letter on that basis.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 33.093 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.093. RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL
OLYMPICS. If a school district allows high school students to earn
a letter for academic, athletic, or extracurricular achievements,
the district must allow high school students in the district to earn
a letter on the basis of a student's participation in a Special
Olympics event.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2017.