

1-1 By: Lozano, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1645  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;  
1-3 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; May 16, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 16, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9	Lucio	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Campbell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Huffines	X			
1-14	Hughes	X			
1-15	Seliger	X			
1-16	Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17	Uresti	X			
1-18	West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to requiring certain school districts to allow students  
1-22 who participate in Special Olympics to earn a letter on that basis.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 33.093 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 33.093. RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL  
1-27 OLYMPICS. If a school district allows high school students to earn  
1-28 a letter for academic, athletic, or extracurricular achievements,  
1-29 the district must allow high school students in the district to earn  
1-30 a letter on the basis of a student's participation in a Special  
1-31 Olympics event.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
1-33 school year.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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