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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual football game between The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9246 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9246.  FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY. (a)  The intercollegiate football teams of The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University shall play a nonconference, regular-season football game against one another on the fourth Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of November each year.

(b)  If The University of Texas at Austin or Texas A&M University refuses to play the football game required by Subsection (a) in a year, the university may not award to any student for the following academic year an athletic scholarship, grant, or similar financial assistance funded by state funds and conditioned on the student's participation on the university's intercollegiate football team.

SECTION 2.  Section 51.9246, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the intercollegiate football season for the 2020-2021 academic 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, 2019.