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H.B. No. 167

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation of certain students in University Interscholastic League sponsored 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 33.0833 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0833. ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS UNDER SUPERVISION OF TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. (a) The University Interscholastic League may provide students receiving educational services under the supervision of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department with the opportunity to participate in activities sponsored by the league in the same manner that the league provides the opportunity to participate to students enrolled in public schools. Participation of a public school in an activity in which students receiving educational services under the supervision of the department participate is optional.

(b) Before providing students described by Subsection (a) with the opportunity to participate in activities described by that subsection, the University Interscholastic League must:

(1) enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department regarding the policies governing:

(A) the conditions of eligibility for students

1 under the supervision of the department in activities sponsored by  
2 the league, including the:

3 (i) ages of students eligible to  
4 participate;

5 (ii) academic performance requirements for  
6 students; and

7 (iii) standards of behavior for students;

8 (B) the appropriate league in which students  
9 under the supervision of the department will participate; and

10 (C) the duties of the department regarding other  
11 policies of the league, including fees, insurance, and  
12 transportation; and

13 (2) adopt rules and administrative guidelines to  
14 implement this section, including procedures allowing for the  
15 optional participation of public schools in the activities provided  
16 to students under the supervision of the department under this  
17 section.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.