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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 3708 |
| By: Buckley |
| Public Education |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  H.B. 547, passed by the 87th Legislature, enabled public school districts to extend the option of University Interscholastic League (UIL) participation to home-schooled students who live within the district's borders. This expansion has benefited both students and schools, as participating home-schooled students receive the educational enrichment of UIL activities and schools offer their services to more students in their community. However, districts that provide these opportunities to home-schooled students receive no additional funding to accommodate the increased number of participants in their programs. H.B. 3708 seeks to support districts in expanding their UIL programs to include home-schooled students by providing for an annual allotment of $1,500 per UIL activity in which a non-enrolled student participates. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 3708 amends the Education Code to entitle a public school district, for each home-schooled student who participates in a University Interscholastic League activity for a school in a district that allows participation of those students, to an annual allotment under the foundation school program of $1,500 per UIL activity in which the student participates. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2023. |