

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Pursuant to H.B. 547, which was passed by the Texas Legislature in 2021 and provided for the participation of home-schooled students in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities, UIL approved a rule to calculate a school's UIL classification based on a new enrollment formula for a public school that allows home-schooled students to participate in UIL activities. This formula weighted the enrollment of such a school by a factor of 1.2, increasing a school's enrollment regardless of how many homeschooled students participate. Although ultimately vetoed by the commissioner of education, the rule would have potentially raised the classification of any school that allows home-schooled students to participate, thus indirectly discouraging schools from allowing such participation.

H.B. 699 seeks to prevent discouragement of home-schooled student participation in UIL activities by requiring UIL, for classification purposes, to calculate student enrollment using the same formula regardless of whether a school allows homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities.

H.B. 699 amends current law relating to determining the student enrollment of a public school that allows non-enrolled students to participate in University Interscholastic League activities for purposes of assigning a University Interscholastic League classification.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.0832, Education Code, as added by Chapter 996 (H.B. 547), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, by adding Subsection (c-1), as follows:

(c-1) Requires the University Interscholastic League (UIL), when assigning UIL classification to a public school based on student enrollment, to use the same student enrollment calculation formula for a school that allows a non-enrolled student to participate in a UIL activity as provided by Subsection (c) (relating to authorizing a public school that participates in a UIL activity to provide a non-enrolled student with the opportunity to participate on behalf of the school in the same manner provided to enrolled students) as the formula used to determine the student enrollment of a school that does not allow a non-enrolled student to participate in UIL activity.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2023–2024 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.