BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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.

H.B. 3708 amends current law relating to creating an allotment under the Foundation School Program for school districts that allow non-enrolled students to participate in University Interscholastic League activities.

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 Subchapter G, Chapter 48, Education Code, by adding Section 48.305, as follows:

Sec. 48.305. ALLOTMENT FOR NON-ENROLLED STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES. (a) Defines "non-enrolled student."

(b) Entitles a school district that allows participation of non-enrolled students under Section 33.0832 (Equal Opportunity for Certain Students to Participate in University Interscholastic League Activities), as added by Chapter 996 (H.B. 547), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, for each non-enrolled student who participates in a University Interscholastic League activity for a school in the district, to an annual allotment of \$1,500 per league activity in which the non-enrolled student participates.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.