

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3708
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

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.