BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3369 By: Louderback Public Education Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, public school administrators, resource officers, or public school district peace officers cannot eject an individual who behaves in an inappropriate manner from district property until a verbal warning has been issued and the individual has persisted in the inappropriate behavior. The bill author has informed the committee that these requirements hinder referees, judges, or other officials from responding appropriately to highly disruptive or dangerous spectators during University Interscholastic League (UIL) events. C.S.H.B. 3369 seeks to improve student safety and avoid disruption of certain school events by allowing certain individuals to immediately eject spectators from UIL events.

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

C.S.H.B. 3369 amends the Education Code to establish that a person serving as a referee, judge, or other official of an extracurricular athletic activity or competition sponsored or sanctioned by a public school district or the University Interscholastic League is not required to issue a verbal warning to a person who behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting and persists in such behavior to eject a spectator from the activity or competition.

C.S.H.B. 3369 applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2025.

COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 3369 differs from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions.

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