

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2929
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

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 sponsor 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. S.B. 2929 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

S.B. 2929 amends the Education Code to establish that a verbal warning and persisting in inappropriate behavior are not required for 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 to eject a spectator from the extracurricular athletic activity or competition.

S.B. 2929 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.