

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin, Campbell S.B. No. 2046
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 13, 2015; April 13, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 5, 2015,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1, 1 present
 1-5 not voting; May 5, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Garcia	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Rodríguez	X			
1-15 Seliger		X		
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 West				X

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to equal opportunity for access by home-schooled students
 1-22 to University Interscholastic League-sponsored activities;
 1-23 authorizing a fee.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 33.0833 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 33.0833. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS
 1-28 TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

1-29 (a) In this section, "home-schooled student" has the meaning
 1-30 assigned by Section 29.916.

1-31 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (g), a public school
 1-32 that participates in an activity sponsored by the University
 1-33 Interscholastic League shall provide a home-schooled student who
 1-34 otherwise meets league eligibility standards to represent that
 1-35 school in a league activity with the opportunity to participate in
 1-36 the activity on behalf of the school in the same manner that the
 1-37 school provides the opportunity to participate to students enrolled
 1-38 in the school.

1-39 (c) A home-schooled student who seeks to participate or who
 1-40 participates in a league activity on behalf of a school is subject
 1-41 to the following relevant policies that apply to students enrolled
 1-42 in the school: policies regarding registration, age eligibility,
 1-43 fees, insurance, transportation, physical condition,
 1-44 qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of
 1-45 behavior, and performance.

1-46 (d) The parent or legal guardian of a home-schooled student
 1-47 is responsible for oversight of academic standards relating to the
 1-48 student's participation in a league activity. As a condition of
 1-49 eligibility to participate in a league activity during the first
 1-50 six weeks of a school year, a home-schooled student must
 1-51 demonstrate grade-level academic proficiency on any nationally
 1-52 recognized, norm-referenced assessment instrument, including the
 1-53 Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Stanford Achievement Test, California
 1-54 Achievement Test, and Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills. A
 1-55 home-schooled student demonstrates the required academic
 1-56 proficiency by achieving a composite, core, or survey score that is
 1-57 within the average or higher than average range of scores, as
 1-58 established by the applicable testing service. For purposes of
 1-59 this subsection, a school district shall accept assessment results
 1-60 administered or reported by a third party.

1-61 (e) A home-schooled student's demonstration of academic

2-1 proficiency under Subsection (d) is sufficient for purposes of that
2-2 subsection for the school year in which the student achieves the
2-3 required score and the subsequent school year.

2-4 (f) After the first six weeks of a school year, the parent or
2-5 legal guardian of a home-schooled student participating in a league
2-6 activity on behalf of a public school must periodically, in
2-7 accordance with the school's grading calendar, provide written
2-8 verification to the school indicating that the student is receiving
2-9 a passing grade in each course or subject being taught.

2-10 (g) A home-schooled student is not authorized by this
2-11 section to participate in a league activity during the remainder of
2-12 any school year during which the student was previously enrolled in
2-13 a public school.

2-14 (h) The University Interscholastic League may not prohibit
2-15 a home-schooled student from participating in league activities in
2-16 the manner authorized by this section.

2-17 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
2-18 school year.

2-19 SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided by this Act:

2-20 (1) this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a
2-21 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; and

2-23 (2) if this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2-24 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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