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H.B. No. 1075

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the frequency of criminal background checks for sports
3 officials registered with the University Interscholastic League;
4 authorizing a fee.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 33.085, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsections (b), (c), and (e), and adding Subsection (c-1)
8 to read as follows:

9 (b) The league may require a sports official, as a condition
10 of eligibility to officiate a contest sponsored by the league, to:

11 (1) be registered with the league and comply with the
12 registration requirements of Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (c) and
13 (c-1);

14 (2) have completed initial and continuing education
15 programs regarding league rules;

16 (3) be a member in good standing of a local chapter or
17 association of sports officials recognized by the league for that
18 purpose; and

19 (4) agree to abide by league rules, including fee
20 schedules and travel reimbursement guidelines for payment by school
21 districts or open-enrollment charter schools to a sports official.

22 (c) In registering with the league, a sports official must
23 be required to provide directory information required by the league
24 and submit to an initial [~~a~~] criminal background check.

1 (c-1) To maintain registration with the league, a sports
2 official must be required to submit to a subsequent criminal
3 background check once every three years following the initial
4 criminal background check under Subsection (c).

5 (e) The league may charge and collect a registration fee
6 only to defray the cost of registering sports officials under
7 Subsection (c). The league may charge and collect a criminal
8 background check fee only to defray the cost of administering
9 Subsection (c-1). The league ~~[and]~~ shall post the amount of the
10 applicable fees ~~[the fee]~~ on the league's Internet website and make
11 the information available at other places the league determines
12 appropriate. The amount of each ~~[the]~~ fee may not exceed the
13 amount reasonably determined by the league to be necessary to cover
14 the cost, as applicable, of administering registration under
15 Subsection (c) or administering Subsection (c-1).

16 SECTION 2. (a) Section 33.085, Education Code, as amended
17 by this Act, applies to each sports official authorized to
18 officiate a contest sponsored by the University Interscholastic
19 League, regardless of whether an official initially registered with
20 the league under that section before the effective date of this Act.

21 (b) The University Interscholastic League shall ensure that
22 each sports official registered under Section 33.085, Education
23 Code, before the effective date of this Act submits to a subsequent
24 criminal background check not later than September 1, 2020.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.