

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - LaMantia) H.B. No. 2484
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;
 1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 10, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2484 By: Springer

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the safety of a referee, judge, or other official at
 1-26 certain public school extracurricular activities and competitions
 1-27 and prohibiting certain conduct by a spectator related to those
 1-28 officials' safety.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Section 33.081, Education Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Subsections (f-1) and (f-2) and amending Subsection (g) to
 1-32 read as follows:

1-33 (f-1) A school district may prohibit a spectator of an
 1-34 extracurricular athletic activity or competition, including a
 1-35 parent or guardian of a student participant, from attending any
 1-36 future extracurricular athletic activity or competition sponsored
 1-37 or sanctioned by the school district or the University
 1-38 Interscholastic League if the spectator engages in conduct that
 1-39 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to a
 1-40 person serving as referee, judge, or other official of an
 1-41 extracurricular athletic activity or competition in retaliation
 1-42 for or as a result of the person's actions taken in performing the
 1-43 duties of a referee, judge, or other official of the
 1-44 extracurricular athletic activity or competition.

1-45 (f-2) A school district may establish an appeals process by
 1-46 which a person may appeal to the district a prohibition imposed
 1-47 under Subsection (f-1).

1-48 (g) An appeal to the commissioner is not a contested case
 1-49 under Chapter 2001, Government Code, if the issues presented relate
 1-50 to a person's [~~student's~~] eligibility to participate in or attend an
 1-51 extracurricular activity [~~activities~~], including issues related to
 1-52 a [~~the~~] student's grades, the school district's grading policy as
 1-53 applied to a [~~the~~] student's eligibility, a [~~or the~~] student's
 1-54 eligibility based on conduct described by Subsection (e-1), or a
 1-55 spectator's eligibility to attend an extracurricular athletic
 1-56 activity or competition under Subsection (f-1). The commissioner
 1-57 may delegate the matter for decision to a person the commissioner
 1-58 designates. The decision of the commissioner or the commissioner's
 1-59 designee in a matter governed by this subsection may not be appealed
 1-60 except on the grounds that the decision is arbitrary or capricious.

2-1 Evidence may not be introduced on appeal other than the record of
2-2 the evidence before the commissioner.

2-3 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
2-4 amended by adding Section 33.099 to read as follows:

2-5 Sec. 33.099. SAFETY OF OFFICIAL. A school district or
2-6 open-enrollment charter school that holds an extracurricular
2-7 athletic activity or a University Interscholastic League athletic
2-8 competition on district or school property shall provide a peace
2-9 officer, a school resource officer, an administrator, or security
2-10 personnel to ensure the safety of a referee, judge, or other
2-11 official of the activity or competition until the official departs
2-12 district or school property if:

2-13 (1) a participant or spectator of the activity or
2-14 competition engages in, attempts to engage in, or threatens violent
2-15 conduct against the official or otherwise disrupts the duties or
2-16 free movement of the official; or

2-17 (2) the district or school reasonably suspects that an
2-18 incident described by Subdivision (1) may occur at the activity or
2-19 competition.

2-20 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
2-21 school year.

2-22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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