A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation of steroid use by students participating in
athletic competitions sponsored or sanctioned by the University
Interscholastic League.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 33.091, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.091. REGULATION [PREVENTION] OF [ILLEGAL] STEROID USE; RANDOM TESTING.

SECTION 2. Section 33.091, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsections (i), (j), (k), and (l) to read as follows:

(h) Except as provided by Subsection (i), Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to the use by a student of a steroid that is dispensed, prescribed, delivered, and administered by a medical practitioner for a valid medical purpose and in the course of professional practice, and a student is not subject to a period of ineligibility under Subsection (d)(6) on the basis of that steroid use. A student to whom this subsection applies must, at a time determined by the league, notify the league of the steroid use using a form approved by the league. The form must include consent to:

(1) the release to the league of the student's health-related information relevant to the student's steroid use; and
(2) communication between the league and the student's health care practitioners regarding the student's steroid use.

(i) The league may declare a student ineligible for competition on the basis of steroid use described by Subsection (h) if the league determines that the safety of competing students or the fairness of a particular competition has been or will be substantially affected by the student's steroid use.

(j) The league may adopt rules regarding the use of steroids by students participating in an athletic competition sponsored or sanctioned by the league, including rules providing for sanctions and loss of eligibility for violation of league rules. The rules must provide a process for the league to determine that a student is in violation of this section or league rules.

(k) A league hearing regarding a student's use of steroids shall be conducted in a closed session.

(1) The following information is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code:

(1) health-related information obtained by the league under Subsection (h); and

(2) information in a record arising from the league's evaluation of a student's steroid use described by Subsection (h) that could identify the student.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives the vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.