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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) provides educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests to Texas students enrolled in public or charter schools. UIL operates as part of The University of Texas, under the auspices of the vice president for diversity and community engagement. The terms of participation that govern all UIL contests are set forth in UIL's *Constitution and Contest Rules*. Changes and additions to the rules are voted on by the UIL's legislative council which consists of 28 public school administrators. Before an approved rule change can take effect, the commissioner of education must also approve the rule.

H.B. 1286 prohibits the legislative council from taking final action on a new or amended rule that would result in additional costs for a member school unless a fiscal impact statement is completed.

H.B. 1286 amends current law relating to adoption of rules by the University Interscholastic League.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, by adding Section 33.0831, as follows:

Sec. 33.0831. UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE RULES: FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT. (a) Prohibits the legislative council of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) from taking final action on a new or amended rule that would result in additional costs for a member school unless a fiscal impact statement regarding the rule has been completed in accordance with this section.

(b) Provides that, for purposes of Subsection (a), final action by the legislative council means:

(1) submitting a rule to school superintendents, if the submission is required under the legislative council's procedures; or

(2) submitting a rule approved by the council to the commissioner of education (commissioner) for the commissioner's approval under Section 33.083(b) (providing that UIL is a part of The University of Texas at Austin and must submit its rules and procedures to the commissioner for approval or disapproval), if the rule does not require submission to school superintendents under the legislative council's procedures.

(c) Requires that a fiscal impact statement regarding a rule include:

(1) a projection of the costs to member schools of complying with the rule during the five-year period following the effective date of the rule; and

(2) an explanation of the methodology used to analyze the fiscal impact of the rule and determine the costs projection required by Subdivision (1).

(d) Requires that a copy of the fiscal impact statement, if a fiscal impact statement is prepared for a rule, be attached to the rule when it is submitted for approval to school superintendents, if applicable, and when it is submitted to the commissioner for approval.

SECTION 2. Provides that Section 33.0831, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a rule on which the legislative council of UIL takes final action on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.