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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) was created in 1913 to allow for all students to participate in UIL sponsored activities. Currently, home-schooled students are ineligible to participate in UIL sponsored activities.

As proposed, S.B. 929 amends current law relating to equal opportunity for access by home-schooled students to University Interscholastic League sponsored activities, and authorizes a fee.

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 33.0833, as follows:

Sec. 33.0833. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES. (a) Requires a public school that participates in an activity sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), except as provided by Subsection (d), to provide a home-schooled student who resides in the school's attendance area with the opportunity to participate in the activity on behalf of the school in the same manner that the school provides the opportunity to participate to students enrolled in the school.

(b) Provides that a home-schooled student who seeks to participate or who participates in a UIL activity on behalf of a school is subject to the relevant policies that apply to students enrolled in the school, including policies regarding registration, age eligibility, fees, insurance, transportation, physical condition, qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of behavior, and performance.

(c) Requires the individual who primarily provides instruction to the student, as a condition of participation by a home-schooled student in a UIL activity under this section, to submit a written verification to the school indicating whether the student is receiving a passing grade in each course or subject taught, and maintaining satisfactory progress towards academic advancement or promotion.

(d) Provides that a home-schooled student is not authorized by this section to participate in a UIL activity during the remainder of any school year during which the student was previously enrolled in a public school.

(e) Prohibits UIL from prohibiting a home-schooled student from participating in UIL activities in the manner authorized by this section.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.