

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) was created in 1910 by The University of Texas to provide interschool competitions in extracurricular academics, athletics, and music. Currently, there is no clear process for selecting host locations for UIL championship competitions.

S.B. 203 requires that UIL use a request for proposal process that must specify the factors that UIL will consider for selecting locations for statewide competitions. Interested host locations will send in proposals for the event that will include relevant information regarding the capability to host the competition, such as available facilities and local accommodations.

S.B. 203 creates a transparent and fair bidding process for site selection for UIL statewide championship locations. S.B. 203 will promote economic development by providing an even playing field to allow communities from across Texas to have an opportunity to host UIL competitions.

As proposed, S.B. 203 amends current law relating to selection of statewide competition locations 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 33.0835, as follows:

Sec. 33.0835. UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE: SELECTION OF LOCATIONS FOR STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS. (a) Requires the University Interscholastic League (UIL) to select locations for statewide competitions in extracurricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by UIL in accordance with this section.

(b) Requires UIL, for each extracurricular activity for which UIL sponsors or sanctions a statewide annual competition, to periodically issue a statewide request for proposals from institutions of higher education and other appropriate entities seeking to host the statewide competition during the year or years specified in the request for proposals.

(c) Requires that a request for proposals specify the factors that UIL will consider in selecting the host for the statewide competition and require an entity to submit relevant information regarding the capability of the entity to host the competition, including available facilities, accommodations, and personnel.

SECTION 2. Makes application of Section 33.0835, Education Code, as added by this Act, prospective to September 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.