

AN ACT

relating to the frequency of criminal background checks for sports officials registered with the University Interscholastic League.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.085, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(b) The league may require a sports official, as a condition of eligibility to officiate a contest sponsored by the league, to:

(1) be registered with the league and comply with the registration requirements of Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (c) and (c-1);

(2) have completed initial and continuing education programs regarding league rules;

(3) be a member in good standing of a local chapter or association of sports officials recognized by the league for that purpose; and

(4) agree to abide by league rules, including fee schedules and travel reimbursement guidelines for payment by school districts or open-enrollment charter schools to a sports official.

(c) In registering with the league, a sports official must be required to provide directory information required by the league and undergo an initial [~~submit to a~~] criminal background check.

(c-1) To maintain registration with the league, a sports

1 official must:

2 (1) maintain compliance with conditions of
3 eligibility required by the league under Subsection (b); and

4 (2) undergo a subsequent criminal background check
5 once every three years following the date of the initial criminal
6 background check under Subsection (c).

7 SECTION 2. (a) Section 33.085, Education Code, as amended
8 by this Act, applies to each sports official authorized to
9 officiate a contest sponsored by the University Interscholastic
10 League, regardless of whether an official initially registered with
11 the league under that section before the effective date of this Act.

12 (b) The University Interscholastic League shall ensure that
13 each sports official registered under Section 33.085, Education
14 Code, before the effective date of this Act undergoes a subsequent
15 criminal background check not later than September 1, 2020.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1075 was passed by the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1075 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor