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H.B. No. 1577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to assignment by the University Interscholastic League of schools to districts for purposes of competition.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.089 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.089. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS TO DISTRICTS BY UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the University Interscholastic League may not assign a school to a district for purposes of competition if placement in that district would require the school to travel more than 100 miles to compete against another school assigned to that district.

(b) The University Interscholastic League may assign a school to a district that would otherwise be prohibited under Subsection (a) if:

(1) a placement permissible under Subsection (a) in a district in the appropriate conference based on the school's enrollment is not available; and

(2) if available, the school declines a placement permissible under Subsection (a) in a district in a conference for schools with greater enrollment.

SECTION 2. Section 33.089, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the first University Interscholastic

1 League reclassification that occurs on or after the effective date
2 of this Act.

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