

SUBJECT: Creating an allotment for non-enrolled students to participate in UIL

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Buckley, Allison, Cunningham, Cody Harris, Harrison, Hefner, Hinojosa, K. King, Schaefer, Talarico

0 nays

3 absent — Allen, Dutton, Jr., Longoria

WITNESSES: For — Anita Scott, Texas Home School Coalition (*Registered, but did not testify*; Tricia Cave, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Raif Calvert, Texas Association of School Boards; Mary Castle, Jonathan Covey, Texas Values; Jennifer Allmon, The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA; and 8 individuals)

On — Jamey Harrison, UIL (*Registered, but did not testify*: Eric Marin, Monica Martinez, James Terry; Texas Education Agency)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that providing school districts with additional funding to facilitate the expansion of University Interscholastic League (UIL) programs would help to accommodate the increasing number of non-enrolled student participants.

DIGEST: HB 3708 would entitle a school district, for each non-enrolled student who participated in a UIL activity for a school in a district that allowed participation of non-enrolled students as required by certain provisions, to an annual allotment of \$1,500 per league activity in which the non-enrolled student participated.

The bill would define “non-enrolled student” as a student who predominantly received instruction from a non-public school in a general

elementary or secondary education program that was provided by the parent, or a person standing in parental authority, in or through the child's home.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.