

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 933
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note an increase in the number of rolled or shaved baseball bats used at school-sponsored events, enabling a batter to hit at an increased speed and distance and posing a direct threat and increased risk of injury to all players, especially the pitcher. H.B. 933 seeks to ensure that these baseball bats are not allowed to be used during University Interscholastic League-sponsored games.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the University Interscholastic League in SECTION 1 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 933 amends the Education Code to require the University Interscholastic League to adopt rules prohibiting the use of rolled or shaved baseball bats at games sponsored by the league, applicable beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.