

**SUBJECT:** Repealing certain scheduling prohibitions for UIL competitions

**COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 9 ayes — Buckley, Allison, Cunningham, Cody Harris, Hefner, Hinojosa, K. King, Schaefer, Talarico

1 nays — Harrison

3 absent — Allen, Dutton, Longoria

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Raif Calvert, Texas Association of School Boards; Mark Terry, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA; Tracy Fisher)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Paige Williams, Texas Classroom Teachers Association)

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

**BACKGROUND:** Education Code sec. 33.0812 requires the State Board of Education to prohibit participation in a University Interscholastic League (UIL) area, regional, or state competition:

- on Monday through Thursday of the school week in which the primary administration of assessment instruments occurs; or
- if the primary administration of the assessment instruments is completed before Thursday of the school week, beginning on Monday and ending on the last school day on which the assessment instruments are administered.

Concerns have been raised that prohibiting UIL playoff games to be scheduled on Monday-Thursday during a school week in which statewide

standardized or end-of-course tests are administered may lead to scheduling conflicts and participation challenges for students.

DIGEST: HB 4477 would repeal Education Code sec. 33.0812.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.