relating to the authority of the University Interscholastic League regarding activities involving sports officials.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.085 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.085. AUTHORITY OF UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE REGARDING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SPORTS OFFICIALS. (a) In this section:

(1) “League” means the University Interscholastic League.

(2) “Sports official” means a person who officiates, judges, or in any manner enforces contest rules in any official capacity with respect to and during the course of an interscholastic athletic team competition and who is a member of a league-recognized local chapter or association of sports officials. The term includes a referee, umpire, linesman, judge, or any other person similarly involved in supervising competitive play. The term does not include a league board member or a league official who is acting in an official capacity to supervise, administer, or enforce the league constitution or league contest rules.

(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 Subsection (c);

(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 submit to a criminal background check.

(d) The league may not charge a sports official who completes a program under Subsection (b)(2) a fee for more than one program described by Subsection (b)(2).

(e) The league may charge and collect a registration fee only to defray the cost of registering sports officials and shall post the amount of the fee on the league’s Internet website and make the information available at other places the league determines appropriate. The amount of the fee may not exceed the amount reasonably determined by the league to be necessary to cover the cost of administering registration.

(f) The league may revoke or suspend the league registration of a sports official determined by the league to have violated the provisions of the league constitution or contest rules governing sports officials or other league policy applicable to sports officials. Before the league may take action to revoke or suspend a sports official’s registration, the league shall notify and consult with the local chapter or association of sports officials of which the sports official is a member. The local chapter or association may, on or before the 15th day after the date notice is received from the league, take action to adjudicate the alleged violation. If after the 15th day after the date notice is received from the league the local chapter or association has failed to take action against the sports official or takes action that the league finds to be insufficient, the league may take action against the sports official. The league shall adopt rules to provide a sports official with the opportunity for an appeals process before the league revokes or suspends the sports official’s registration. In adopting rules under this subsection, the league shall make a determination of the actions and subsequent sanctions that would be considered sufficient under this subsection.
(g) The league may not sponsor or organize or attempt to sponsor or organize any association of sports officials in which the majority of the membership is composed of sports officials who officiate team sports.

(h) The league may set rates or fee schedules payable by a school district or open-enrollment charter school to a sports official.

(i) Before the league may take any action that amends rules related to the activities of sports officials, other than an action against an individual sports official under Subsection (f), the league must submit the proposed action for public review and comment, including:

(1) notifying registered sports officials of the proposed action by e-mail not later than the 30th day before the date set for action on the proposal; and

(2) posting the proposal on the league’s Internet website for at least 30 consecutive days before the date set for action on the proposal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 953

H.B. No. 1791

AN ACT

relating to the facilitation and operation of space flight activities in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 100A.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 100A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Launch" means a placement or attempted placement of a launch vehicle [or rocket] and spacecraft, if any, [payload, crew, or space flight participant] in a suborbital trajectory, earth orbit, or outer space, including activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle or spacecraft [payload] for launch.

(1-a) "Launch vehicle" means any vehicle and its stages or components designed to operate in or place spacecraft, if any, in a suborbital trajectory, in earth orbit, or in outer space.

(2) "Reentry" means a [purposeful] return or attempt to return of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft [and the payload, the crew, or a space flight participant] from a suborbital trajectory, from earth orbit, or from outer space to earth, including activities involved in the recovery of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft.

(2-a) "Reentry vehicle" means any vehicle, including its stages or components, or spacecraft designed to return from earth orbit or outer space to earth, or a reusable launch vehicle designed to return from earth orbit or outer space to earth, substantially intact.

(2-b) "Spacecraft" has the meaning assigned by Section 507.001, Local Government Code.

(3) "Space flight activities" means activities and training in any phase [all-phases] of preparing for and undertaking space flight, including:

(A) the research, development, testing, or manufacture of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft;