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H.B. No. 1645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring certain school districts to adopt a policy  
3 allowing students who participate in Special Olympics to earn a  
4 letter on that basis.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 33.093 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.093. RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL  
9 OLYMPICS. If a school district allows high school students to earn  
10 a letter for academic, athletic, or extracurricular achievements,  
11 the district shall adopt a policy that allows high school students  
12 in the district to earn a letter on the basis of a student's  
13 participation in a Special Olympics event.

14 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
15 school year.

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