



## **THSCA LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

### **Private Schools Petition the State Legislature for Admittance to the U.I.L.**

S.B. 1831, by Dan Patrick of Houston and H.B. 1829, by Frank Corte of San Antonio, are companion bills relating to participation of private schools in U.I.L. sponsored activities.

If passed the language in these bills would destroy a level playing field for our public schools and the children they serve. This would affect athletics, academics, music and fine arts in all classifications.

On Thursday, April 2, S.B. 1831 passed through the Senate Education Committee by a 5 to 4 margin. Senators Van de Putte, West, Averit and Gallegos supported our position by voting against this bill. Because the next step in this process will be to submit the bill on the Senate Floor for a vote, it is especially important that we voice our opposition to S.B. 1831 as soon as possible.

**So we need your help to contact our state senators and representatives to show a strong opposition to opening the U.I.L. membership to private schools!!!**

We are asking each of you to use the following bullet points and contact your senators and representatives to express your opposition to S.B. 1831 and H.B. 1829.

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO FRIENDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS.**

Bullet points in opposition to Private School Membership in all U.I.L. Activities:

- Private schools must recruit to exist. (Impossible to comply to recruiting rules because recruiting is critical to their very existence.)
- Private schools do not have to admit all children. (Public schools are required to take all comers; private schools are able to create a select environment)
- Private schools do not comply with parent residence boundaries as do most all public schools. (How do you solve the issue of boundaries with private schools?)

- Academic Standards are not mandated by statute while public schools are heavily regulated.
- Private schools control the number of students who attend and would control their U.I.L. Classification while a public school cannot. (The smaller the classification the greater the impact of private schools.)
- Private schools have an unfair competitive advantage in that they have a unique situation in the fact that they can establish a select environment.

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