

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This proposal creates a pilot program, developed in collaboration with the UIL Medical Advisory Committee, for the 2016-2017 school year for an injury data collection program. The program will be for a select number of schools and will be voluntary in nature.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The results of the review of UIL conducted by the Texas Sunset Commission includes:

“As a management action, direct UIL to immediately take all proactive steps to commence establishing a collaborative relationship with UT Southwestern Medical Center’s Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair, a state-funded initiative to promote innovative research and education, with the goals of accelerating translation into better diagnosis and revolutionizing care for millions of people who suffer brain injuries each year. This includes collaboration on the part of UIL’s Medical Advisory Committee and UIL’s executive director, deputy executive director, and director of athletics” (Representative Four Price, Vice Chair – Sunset Advisory Commission).

UIL is working collaboratively with representatives from UT Southwestern, along with the UIL Medical Advisory Committee, to develop a platform for reporting suspected concussions that occur during participation in UIL activities. The goal of this program is for UT Southwestern to collect and hold this data, ultimately reporting aggregated data back to the MAC and working to identify best practices in the area of brain injuries.

Similarly, the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School is working with UIL staff to develop an injury data collection platform for major sports injuries. By their definition, they would collect data related to injuries that require admission to a hospital at the time of injury.

The pilot will include a select number of schools and will be voluntary in nature for the 2016-2017 school year. The pilot will only be conducted if the criteria identified collaboratively with the UIL Medical Advisory Committee are met.

C. Proposed Amendment

This proposal does not amend the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. This proposal, if approved, grants UIL staff, in collaboration with the UIL Medical Advisory Committee, the authority to conduct this injury data collection pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

The fiscal impact for this proposal is difficult to predict. Schools are not required to enter into this program. For those who are selected and choose to participate, the costs will be associated with the time and effort of school personnel for entering the data.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this proposed pilot program shall be effective immediately.