

**Proposed University Interscholastic League Contest Pilot Program**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Pilot***

This proposal would create a state marching band contest pilot for military-style marching bands. Military-style marching bands that receive an overall division 1 rating at the region contest would be certified to advance directly to the state contest, which would be held by conference on an alternating year format similar to the state open class contest. Eligible military-style bands would be required to choose between entering the state military band contest and the state open class contest. The pilot would then be reviewed and considered by UIL staff and the legislative council for continuation and/or implementation into the *Constitution and Contest Rules*.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

Military-style marching bands are an important part of the heritage of Texas bands. With the evolution of performance trends of non-military-style marching bands the comparison of these two styles in a competitive setting has become increasingly more difficult. By creating this contest both styles would be provided with an opportunity to receive the most benefit from UIL competition by having an adjudication system that best fits their style.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

No placement in the *Constitution and Contest Rules*.

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

Advancing schools would incur related expenses.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment pilot shall be effective August 1, 2020.