

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1105, *Region Marching Band Contest*, would extend the amount of cumulative time that a marching band can spend practicing visual fundamentals during the summer prior to August 1st from ten hours to fifteen hours.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

With many school districts now beginning the instructional year in early August the amount of time available for marching bands to practice prior the instructional year begins has been reduced. Increasing the number of cumulative hours that a marching band can practice visual fundamentals prior to August 1st would create the opportunity for more practice time prior to the beginning of the instructional year and allow more time for summer heat acclimation. The UIL marching band rules advisory committee has recommended the cumulative amount of time permitted to practice visual fundamentals be increased from ten hours to fifteen hours.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1105(d) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

- (d) DIRECTOR'S COMPLIANCE STATEMENT. Each entry in the region marching band contest shall be accompanied by the following statement signed by the director and school principal.
- (1) "The members of this marching band or any of its components did not begin preparation of the visual curriculum for this UIL contest presentation prior to August 1. In addition, no more than ~~40~~ 15 hours of supervised instructional time was devoted to visual fundamentals between the end of the previous school term and August 1." Exception: Auxiliary camps, leadership training and preparation for special summer events such as civic parades, professional football game appearances and other non-competitive performances are not considered a violation of this limitation.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

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