

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

**A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment**

This proposed amendment would allow marching bands at schools that start their school year prior to the fourth Monday in August to have more rehearsal time early in the season by being under the 8-hour per school week, rather than calendar week, practice limit until after Labor Day.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

Current rule states that once the school year begins marching bands are limited to 8 hours of rehearsal time outside of the school day per calendar week. With Districts of Innovation being permitted to start the school year prior to the fourth Monday in August, marching bands at those schools potentially have less rehearsal time in August than schools that begin their school year on or after the fourth Monday in August. This proposed rule change would allow more rehearsal time for marching bands that begin their school year prior to the fourth Monday in August by having no state imposed time limits on rehearsal outside of the school week until after Labor Day.

Calendar week is defined as 12:01 a.m. Sunday through midnight on Saturday.

School week is defined as 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week through the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.

**C. Proposed Amendment**

Section 1105(e) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

- (e) MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS DURING SEASON. Effective the first day of instruction of the school year ~~FOURTH MONDAY IN AUGUST~~ a marching band and its auxiliary components are limited to a maximum of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week. EXCEPTION: FOR SCHOOLS THAT BEGIN INSTRUCTION PRIOR TO THE FOURTH MONDAY IN AUGUST THE LIMIT OF EIGHT HOURS OF REHEARSAL OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL DAY PER CALENDAR WEEK SHALL BEGIN ON THE TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LABOR DAY. SCHOOLS UNDER THIS EXCEPTION SHALL BE LIMITED TO EIGHT HOURS OF REHEARSAL OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIC DAY PER SCHOOL WEEK UNTIL THE TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LABOR DAY.

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

This 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 August 1, 2018.