

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment would allow marching bands to rehearse one additional hour beyond eight hours for each non-school day during any calendar week consisting of less than five school days, provided the school week limitation of eight hours is not exceeded.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Effective after Labor Day, by UIL rule all marching bands are limited to eight hours of rehearsal outside of the school day per calendar week. Marching bands with less than five school days in a calendar week lose the hour of marching band rehearsal permitted during each school day, resulting in those schools not having access to up to thirteen hours of rehearsal each week. This amendment would give all marching bands access to up to thirteen hours of practice each calendar week, regardless of how many school days are in a calendar week.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1105 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

(e) MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS DURING SEASON

Effective the fourth Monday in August a marching band and its auxiliary components are limited to a maximum of eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week. ExceptionS: 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. FOR ANY CALENDAR WEEK CONSISTING OF LESS THAN FIVE SCHOOL DAYS A MARCHING BAND MAY REHEARSE ONE ADDITIONAL HOUR BEYOND EIGHT HOURS FOR EACH NON SCHOOL DAY, PROVIDED THE SCHOOL WEEK LIMITATION OF EIGHT HOURS IS NOT EXCEEDED.

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 August 1, 2025.