

## SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

August 4, 2025

## SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 401

In the 89th Texas Legislature, School Boards must take action regarding participation of non enrolled students in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities.

## 2025-26 School Year - SB 401

ISDs shall provide homeschool participation unless the school board votes to OPT OUT of allowing homeschool participation Homeschool students may participate in UIL activities at the school closest to the student's residential address that does allow homeschool participation, if the school to which they are zoned OPTS OUT of homeschool participation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Administration is recommending that GCCISD opt out of Homeschool

Participation for UIL events.

**RATIONALE:** 

We recommend that the school board opt out of allowing home-schooled students to participate in UIL athletics. In Goose Creek CISD, athletics are deeply integrated into the school day and are a vital part of building campus culture, accountability, and student engagement. Our student-athletes follow district grading policies, discipline procedures, and participate in daily practices and team events aligned with campus expectations. Allowing participation from students outside this system may compromise the consistency and cohesion that make our athletic programs successful.

**BUDGET PROVISIONS/ACTION REQUIRED:** None

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL:** Dr. Randal O'Brien

Dr. Anthony Price Mr. Lee Martinez

