

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LULING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

AGENDA ITEM: Action Item	Date: August 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Consideration/Approval of Opting Out of Senate Bill 401	Submitted by: Erin Warren Related Pages:
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under Texas Senate Bill 401 (effective September 1, 2025), school districts are required by default to allow homeschooled students who meet UIL eligibility standards to participate in interscholastic activities unless the board chooses to opt out. If a district opts out, homeschool students may instead participate in the nearest district that permits it• Texas law grants districts local discretion over policies regarding homeschool participation in public school UIL programs KEY CONSIDERATIONS SUPPORTING THE OPT-OUT DECISION: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fairness & Standards: Concerns that homeschool students—who may not adhere to the same academic, attendance, behavioral, and oversight standards—could gain an unfair advantage or disrupt team cohesion• Operational Strain: Including non-enrolled students may stretch staffing, scheduling, coaching responsibilities, and can potentially reduce instructional time for current students• Maintaining Campus Culture: Openness to homeschool participation may undermine the program identity and morale built among fully enrolled students• Resource Allocation: While districts receive very limited annual funding per homeschool participant that is far less than the funding allocated for enrolled students which raises concerns about equity and resource distribution	
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to opt out of Senate Bill 401.	BUDGETARY INFO. None.

Board President's Approval: _____



Superintendent's Approval: _____

