

1-1 By: Murr (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 3864
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 24, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio			X	
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West			X	

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to excused absences from public school for certain
 1-22 students to visit a professional's workplace for a career
 1-23 investigation day.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by
 1-26 adding Subsection (b-8) and amending Subsection (d) to read as
 1-27 follows:

1-28 (b-8) A school district may excuse a student from attending
 1-29 school for a career investigation day to visit a professional at the
 1-30 professional's workplace during the student's junior and senior
 1-31 years of high school for the purpose of determining the student's
 1-32 interest in pursuing a career in the professional's field, provided
 1-33 that:

1-34 (1) the district may not excuse for this purpose more
 1-35 than two days during the student's junior year and two days during
 1-36 the student's senior year; and

1-37 (2) the district adopts:

1-38 (A) a policy to determine when an absence may be
 1-39 excused for this purpose; and

1-40 (B) a procedure to verify that the student's
 1-41 visit at the professional's workplace did occur.

1-42 (d) A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b),
 1-43 (b-1), (b-2), (b-4), (b-5), (b-8), or (c) may not be penalized for
 1-44 that absence and shall be counted as if the student attended school
 1-45 for purposes of calculating the average daily attendance of
 1-46 students in the school district. A student whose absence is excused
 1-47 under Subsection (b), (b-1), (b-2), (b-4), (b-5), (b-8), or (c)
 1-48 shall be allowed a reasonable time to make up school work missed on
 1-49 those days. If the student satisfactorily completes the school
 1-50 work, the day of absence shall be counted as a day of compulsory
 1-51 attendance.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
 1-53 school year.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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