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H.B. No. 4022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to excused absences from public school for students with a
3 menstrual disorder.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (b-10) and amending Subsection (d) to read as
7 follows:

8 (b-10) A school district shall excuse a student from
9 attending school for a maximum of 10 days in a school year for an
10 absence resulting from symptoms related to a menstrual disorder,
11 such as dysmenorrhea, endometriosis, menorrhagia, or polycystic
12 ovary syndrome, if the student or the student's parent or guardian
13 provides documentation from a physician licensed to practice
14 medicine in this state stating that the student has a menstrual
15 disorder.

16 (d) A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b),
17 (b-1), (b-2), (b-4), (b-5), (b-7), (b-10), or (c) may not be
18 penalized for that absence and shall be counted as if the student
19 attended school for purposes of calculating the average daily
20 attendance of students in the school district. A student whose
21 absence is excused under Subsection (b), (b-1), (b-2), (b-4),
22 (b-5), (b-7), (b-10), or (c) shall be allowed a reasonable time to
23 make up school work missed on those days. If the student
24 satisfactorily completes the school work, the day of absence shall

1 be counted as a day of compulsory attendance.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
3 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.