

Amend CSHB 2 by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION of the bill to read as follows and renumbering the existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

Section ____

Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:

(1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:

(A) [purpose of] observing religious holy days;

(B) appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship or to take part in a naturalization oath ceremony;

(C) attending an appointment with the student's probation officer;

(D) attending an adoption proceeding involving the student; or

(E) attending a required court appearance; or

(2) a [, including traveling for that purpose. A school district shall excuse a student for] temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.

(c) A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b) ~~[this subsection]~~ may not be penalized for that absence and shall be counted as if the student attended school for purposes of calculating the average daily attendance of students in the school district. A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b) ~~[this subsection]~~ shall be allowed a reasonable time to make up school work missed on those days. If the student satisfactorily completes the school work, the day of absence shall be counted as a day of compulsory attendance.