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H.B. No. 192

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the absence of a student from school for activities in  
3 connection with obtaining United States citizenship.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.087(b), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

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

11 (A) observing religious holy days; ~~or~~

12 (B) attending a required court appearance;

13 (C) appearing at a governmental office to  
14 complete paperwork required in connection with the student's  
15 application for United States citizenship; or

16 (D) taking part in a United States naturalization  
17 oath ceremony; or

18 (2) a temporary absence resulting from health care  
19 professionals if that student commences classes or returns to  
20 school on the same day of the appointment.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.