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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.