

1-1 By: Alonzo, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 192
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2009;
1-3 May 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 21, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 192 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the absence of a student from school for activities in
1-11 connection with obtaining United States citizenship.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-3) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (b) A school district shall excuse a student from attending
1-17 school for:

1-18 (1) the following purposes, including travel for those
1-19 purposes:

1-20 (A) observing religious holy days; [~~or~~]

1-21 (B) attending a required court appearance;

1-22 (C) appearing at a governmental office to
1-23 complete paperwork required in connection with the student's
1-24 application for United States citizenship; or

1-25 (D) taking part in a United States naturalization
1-26 oath ceremony; or

1-27 (2) a temporary absence resulting from health care
1-28 professionals if that student commences classes or returns to
1-29 school on the same day of the appointment.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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