

**House Bill 192**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (e) 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) observing religious holy days; [øø]

(B) attending a required court appearance;

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

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

(E) spending time with the student's parent or guardian, if the parent or guardian has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or is returning from deployment to a combat zone as a member of the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, or the state military forces; or

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

(b-1) The board of trustees of each independent school district shall establish criteria for determining the number of days a student may receive an excused absence for the purpose described by Subsection (b)(1)(E).

SENATE VERSION

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(A) observing religious holy days; [øø]

(B) attending a required court appearance;

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

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

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

(b-3) A temporary absence for purposes of Subsection (b)(2) includes the temporary absence of a student

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(e) In this section, "combat zone" means an area that the president of the United States by executive order designates for purposes of 26 U.S.C. Section 112 as an area in which armed forces of the United States are or have engaged in combat.

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

diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder on the day of the student's appointment with a health care practitioner, as described by Section 1355.015(b), Insurance Code, to receive a generally recognized service for persons with autism spectrum disorder, including applied behavioral analysis, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

Same as House version.