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H.B. No. 1516

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to excused absences from public school for the purpose of enlisting in the armed services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.087(b), Education Code, as amended by Chapters 517 (S.B. 1134) and 595 (H.B. 192), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended 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;

(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~~

(E) ~~(C)~~ serving as an election clerk; or

(F) enlisting in the Texas National Guard or a branch of the armed services of the United States; or

(2) a temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to

1 school on the same day of the appointment.

2 SECTION 2. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
3 over another Act of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011,
4 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
5 codes.

6 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
7 school year.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.