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H.B. No. 1501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the commemoration of September 11, 2001, at public  
3 schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 25.0821 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 25.0821. MINUTE OF SILENCE TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER  
8 11, 2001. (a) To commemorate the events of September 11, 2001, in  
9 each year that date falls on a regular school day, each public  
10 elementary or secondary school shall provide for the observance of  
11 one minute of silence at the beginning of the first class period of  
12 that day.

13 (b) Immediately before the period of observance required by  
14 this section, the class instructor shall make a statement of  
15 reference to the memory of individuals who died on September 11,  
16 2001.

17 (c) The period of observance required by this section may be  
18 held in conjunction with the minute of silence required by Section  
19 25.082.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014  
21 academic year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.