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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 and institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 1.006 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1.006. MINUTE OF SILENCE TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER 11,
8 2001. (a) To commemorate the events of September 11, 2001, in each
9 year that date falls on a regular school day, each public elementary
10 or secondary school, or institution of higher education as defined
11 by Section 61.003, shall provide for the observance of one minute of
12 silence at the beginning of the first class period of 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.