

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1501
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Patrick	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Duncan	X			
1-11 Paxton			X	
1-12 Seliger	X			
1-13 Taylor	X			
1-14 Van de Putte	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the commemoration of September 11, 2001, at public
 1-20 schools.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 25.0821 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 25.0821. MINUTE OF SILENCE TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER
 1-25 11, 2001. (a) To commemorate the events of September 11, 2001, in
 1-26 each year that date falls on a regular school day, each public
 1-27 elementary or secondary school shall provide for the observance of
 1-28 one minute of silence at the beginning of the first class period of
 1-29 that day.

1-30 (b) Immediately before the period of observance required by
 1-31 this section, the class instructor shall make a statement of
 1-32 reference to the memory of individuals who died on September 11,
 1-33 2001.

1-34 (c) The period of observance required by this section may be
 1-35 held in conjunction with the minute of silence required by Section
 1-36 25.082.

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
 1-38 academic year.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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