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H.B. No. 1516

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1516:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a school district to excuse from school  
3 attendance a student who is exempt from the administration of a  
4 final examination.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-7) and amending Subsection (d) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b-7) A school district may excuse a student from attending  
10 school during the administration of a final examination for a  
11 course in which the student is enrolled if the school district  
12 allows the student, because of a good attendance record and high  
13 student academic achievement, to be exempt from the administration  
14 of the final examination.

15 (d) A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b),  
16 (b-1), (b-2), (b-4), (b-7), or (c) may not be penalized for that  
17 absence and shall be counted as if the student attended school for  
18 purposes of calculating the average daily attendance of students in  
19 the school district. A student whose absence is excused under  
20 Subsection (b), (b-1), (b-2), (b-4), or (c) shall be allowed a  
21 reasonable time to make up school work missed on those days. If the  
22 student satisfactorily completes the school work, the day of  
23 absence shall be counted as a day of compulsory attendance.

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018

1 school year.

2           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.