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H.B. No. 2618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to including in the minimum attendance requirement of a
3 public school student any absence of the student to participate in
4 an extracurricular activity.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 25.092, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

8 (a-3) In determining if a student has complied with
9 attendance requirements under Subsection (a), the school district
10 may not include any absence of a student from class if the student
11 is absent to attend an extracurricular activity. In this
12 subsection "extracurricular activity" means a voluntary activity
13 sponsored by the school district and includes preparation for and
14 involvement in public performances, contests, athletic
15 competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club activities.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
17 school year.

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