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H.B. No. 3136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to excused absences from public school for the purpose of  
3 visiting an institution of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.087(b-2), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b-2) A school district may excuse a student from attending  
8 school to visit an institution of higher education accredited by a  
9 generally recognized accrediting organization during the student's  
10 junior and senior years of high school for the purpose of  
11 determining the student's interest in attending the institution of  
12 higher education, provided that:

13 (1) the district may not excuse for this purpose more  
14 than two days during the student's junior year and four [~~two~~] days  
15 during the student's senior year; and

16 (2) the district adopts:

17 (A) a policy to determine when an absence will be  
18 excused for this purpose; and

19 (B) a procedure to verify the student's visit at  
20 the institution of higher education.

21 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
22 school year.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.