

1-1 By: Zaffirini, Springer S.B. No. 68  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2022; February 15, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
 1-4 April 6, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 6, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to excused absences from public school for certain  
 1-24 students to visit a professional's workplace for a career  
 1-25 investigation day.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 25.087, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-28 adding Subsection (b-8) and amending Subsection (d) to read as  
 1-29 follows:

1-30 (b-8) A school district may excuse a student from attending  
 1-31 school for a career investigation day to visit a professional at the  
 1-32 professional's workplace during the student's junior and senior  
 1-33 years of high school for the purpose of determining the student's  
 1-34 interest in pursuing a career in the professional's field, provided  
 1-35 that:

1-36 (1) the district may not excuse for this purpose more  
 1-37 than two days during the student's junior year and two days during  
 1-38 the student's senior year; and

1-39 (2) the district adopts:

1-40 (A) a policy to determine when an absence may be  
 1-41 excused for this purpose; and

1-42 (B) a procedure to verify the student's visit at  
 1-43 the professional's workplace.

1-44 (d) A student whose absence is excused under Subsection (b),  
 1-45 (b-1), (b-2), (b-4), (b-5), (b-7), (b-8), or (c) may not be  
 1-46 penalized for that absence and shall be counted as if the student  
 1-47 attended school for purposes of calculating the average daily  
 1-48 attendance of students in the school district. A student whose  
 1-49 absence is excused under Subsection (b), (b-1), (b-2), (b-4),  
 1-50 (b-5), (b-7), (b-8), or (c) shall be allowed a reasonable time to  
 1-51 make up school work missed on those days. If the student  
 1-52 satisfactorily completes the school work, the day of absence shall  
 1-53 be counted as a day of compulsory attendance.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
 1-55 school year.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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