

1-1 By: Paxton, et al. S.B. No. 207  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
 1-4 March 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to excused absences from public school for certain  
 1-22 students to attend mental health care appointments.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 25.087(b), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (b) A school district shall excuse a student from attending  
 1-27 school for:

1-28 (1) the following purposes, including travel for those  
 1-29 purposes:

1-30 (A) observing religious holy days;

1-31 (B) attending a required court appearance;

1-32 (C) appearing at a governmental office to  
 1-33 complete paperwork required in connection with the student's  
 1-34 application for United States citizenship;

1-35 (D) taking part in a United States naturalization  
 1-36 oath ceremony;

1-37 (E) serving as an election clerk; or

1-38 (F) if the student is in the conservatorship of  
 1-39 the Department of Family and Protective Services, participating, as  
 1-40 determined and documented by the department, in an activity:

1-41 (i) ordered by a court under Chapter 262 or  
 1-42 263, Family Code, provided that it is not practicable to schedule  
 1-43 the participation outside of school hours; or

1-44 (ii) required under a service plan under  
 1-45 Subchapter B, Chapter 263, Family Code;

1-46 (2) a temporary absence resulting from an appointment  
 1-47 with health care professionals, including mental health  
 1-48 professionals, for the student or the student's child if the  
 1-49 student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of  
 1-50 the appointment; or

1-51 (3) an absence resulting from a serious or  
 1-52 life-threatening illness or related treatment that makes the  
 1-53 student's attendance infeasible, if the student or the student's  
 1-54 parent or guardian provides a certification from a physician  
 1-55 licensed to practice medicine in this state specifying the  
 1-56 student's illness and the anticipated period of the student's  
 1-57 absence relating to the illness or related treatment.

1-58 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
 1-59 school year.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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

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