

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Current law requires a school district to excuse a student from attending school for the purpose of observing religious holy days if, before the absence, the student's parent or legal guardian submits a written request for an excused absence. H.B. 217 would delete the provision requiring the written request for an excused absence in order to observe a religious holy day.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 217 deletes the provision requiring the written request for an excused absence in order to observe a religious holy day.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.087(b), Education Code, to delete text regarding the need for a parent or legal guardian's written request prior to a student's absence for the purpose of observing a religious holy day.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.