

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This act seeks to educate Texas public school students on the service and sacrifices of those who have been members of the United States Armed Forces. It will enable the governor to designate a day as Texas Military Heroes Day and allows the schools to determine how they will render the appropriate instruction for students on that day.

S.B. 1901 amends current law relating to Texas Military Heroes Day in public schools.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, by adding Section 29.9071, as follows:

Sec. 29.9071. TEXAS MILITARY HEROES DAY. (a) Requires the governor, to educate students about the sacrifices made by brave Texans who have served in the armed forces of the United States, to designate a day to be known as Texas Military Heroes Day in public schools.

(b) Requires that Texas Military Heroes Day include appropriate instruction, as determined by each school district. Authorizes instruction to include information about persons who have served in the armed forces of the United States and are from the community or the geographic area in which the district is located and include participation, in person or using technology, in age-appropriate learning projects at battlefields and gravesites associated with a person who has served in the armed forces.

(c) Authorizes the Texas Education Agency to collaborate with other state agencies to promote Texas Military Heroes Day.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.