

SENATE BILL No. 747

(As amended May 13, 2008)

September 6, 2007, Introduced by Senators GARCIA, ALLEN, BIRKHOLZ, RICHARDVILLE, PAPPAGEORGE, KAHN, JELINEK, VAN WOERKOM, CROSEY, HARDIMAN, GEORGE, GILBERT, PATTERSON, McMANUS, CASSIS, KUIPERS, OLSHOVE, JANSEN, SWITALSKI, STAMAS, JACOBS, BROWN, CHERRY, BARCIA, GLEASON, WHITMER, SANBORN, BISHOP, BASHAM, ANDERSON, SCHAUER, HUNTER, SCOTT, CLARK-COLEMAN and CLARKE and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled

"The revised school code,"

(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1138.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1138. (1) IF A PUPIL IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR UP TO 1
2 FULL SCHOOL DAY BECAUSE HIS OR HER PARENT[, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SIBLING]
3 IS A
4 SERVICE MEMBER BEING DEPLOYED ON OR RETURNING FROM ACTIVE DUTY, [OR IF A
5 PUPIL IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR UP TO 2 FULL SCHOOL DAYS IF THE LOCATION
6 OF THE DEPLOYMENT OR RETURN IS MORE THAN 300 MILES FROM THE PUPIL'S
7 HOME,] THE
8 SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL CONSIDER THAT ABSENCE TO
9 BE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
10 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC
11 SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT THEIR ATTENDANCE POLICY IS
12 CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM

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1 CONSIDERING AN ABSENCE FOR A REASON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)

2 THAT IS LONGER THAN [THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
3 (1)] TO BE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

3 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

4 (A) "ACTIVE DUTY" MEANS ACTIVE DUTY PURSUANT TO AN EXECUTIVE
5 ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AN ACT OF CONGRESS, OR
6 AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR.

7 (B) "ARMED FORCES" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF
8 THE VETERAN RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ACT, 1994 PA 39, MCL
9 35.1092.

10 (C) "MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN
11 SECTION 105 OF THE MICHIGAN MILITARY ACT, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.505.

12 (D) "SERVICE MEMBER" MEANS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, A
13 RESERVE BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES, OR THE MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD.