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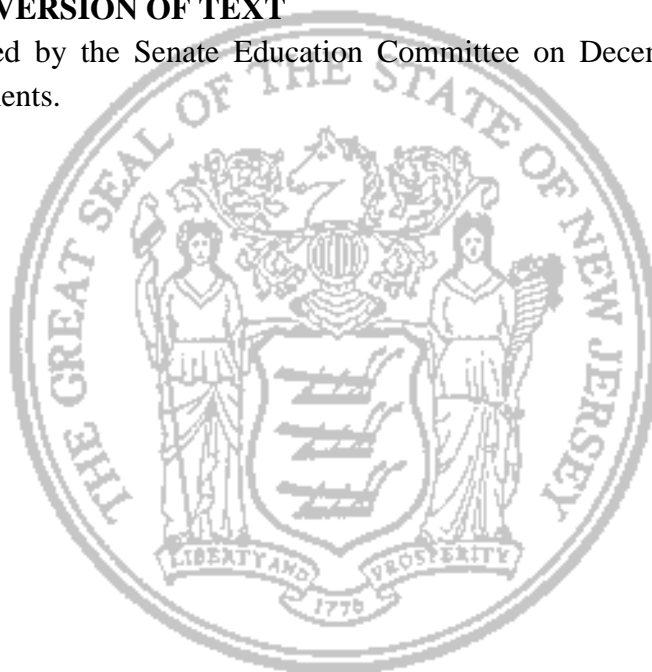
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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides an excused absence on Veterans Day for pupil who participates in certain activities for veterans or active duty members of United States Armed Forces or New Jersey National Guard.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 14, 2015, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning excused absences for certain pupils and  
2 supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,  
9 any pupil of a public school who is absent from school on November  
10 11, Veterans Day, attending a ceremony honoring a veteran or a  
11 member of the United States Armed Forces or the New Jersey  
12 National Guard returning from overseas deployments, or assisting a  
13 veteran at a hospital, food shelter, or any similar facility, shall have the  
14 absence for those reasons recorded as an excused absence on the  
15 pupil's attendance record or on that of any group or class of which he  
16 is a member. Any transcript, application, employment form, or any  
17 similar form on which information concerning a pupil's attendance  
18 record is requested shall show, with respect to absences, only absences  
19 other than excused absences authorized pursuant to this subsection.

20 <sup>1</sup>In making a determination on whether or not a student has a perfect  
21 attendance record for the school year, a school district shall not  
22 consider as an absence an excused absence authorized pursuant to this  
23 subsection.<sup>1</sup>

24 b. A pupil shall provide such documentation as the superintendent  
25 or administrative principal of the school district deems necessary to  
26 prove the pupil meets the requirements for the excused absence under  
27 subsection a. of this section.

28 c. As used in this section, "veteran" means a person who has  
29 served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and  
30 who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than  
31 dishonorable.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 14, 2015.