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SYNOPSIS

Provides excused absence for public school student who participates in musical performance at military funeral, including playing “Taps.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning excused absences for certain public school
2 students and amending P.L.2015, c.297.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2015, c.297 (C.18A:36-13.2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
10 contrary, any pupil of a public school who is absent from school on:

11 (1) November 11, Veterans Day, attending a ceremony honoring
12 a veteran or a member of the United States Armed Forces or the
13 New Jersey National Guard returning from overseas deployments,
14 or assisting a veteran at a hospital, food shelter, or any similar
15 facility; or

16 (2) any school day participating in a musical performance at a
17 military funeral honoring a veteran or a member of the United
18 States Armed Forces or the New Jersey National Guard, including
19 but not limited to, the playing of "Taps" in conjunction with a State
20 or national veterans' organization,

21 shall have the absence for those reasons recorded as an excused
22 absence on the pupil's attendance record or on that of any group or
23 class of which he is a member. Any transcript, application,
24 employment form, or any similar form on which information
25 concerning a pupil's attendance record is requested shall show, with
26 respect to absences, only absences other than excused absences
27 authorized pursuant to this subsection. In making a determination
28 on whether or not a student has a perfect attendance record for the
29 school year, a school district shall not consider as an absence an
30 excused absence authorized pursuant to this subsection.

31 b. A pupil shall provide such documentation as the
32 superintendent or administrative principal of the school district
33 deems necessary to prove the pupil meets the requirements for the
34 excused absence under subsection a. of this section.

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

39 (cf: P.L.2015, c.297, s.1)

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41 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
42 following the date of enactment.

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.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill provides that any pupil of a public school who is absent
4 from school on any day to participate in a musical performance at a
5 military funeral honoring a veteran or a member of the United
6 States Armed Forces or the New Jersey National Guard, including
7 but not limited to, the playing of "Taps" in conjunction with a
8 national veterans' organization, will have the absence recorded as
9 an excused absence. Under the bill, the absence will be recorded as
10 an excused absence on the pupil's attendance record or on that of
11 any group or class of which he is a member. Any transcript,
12 application, employment form, or any similar form on which
13 information concerning a pupil's attendance record is requested will
14 show only absences other than excused absences authorized under
15 the bill.