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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 232
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after “students” insert “that, at a minimum, excuses certain absences under certain circumstances and provides a certain number of days of excused absences for certain students under certain circumstances; authorizing certain schools to allow certain students to make up the work that the student missed in a certain time period and to choose the method by which to make up the work that the student missed; requiring each county board to publish its attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students on the county board’s Web site”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, after “ABSENCE” insert “AS PROVIDED UNDER”; strike beginning with “IF” in line 2 down through “OF” in line 4; in line 6, after “STUDENTS” insert “THAT, AT A MINIMUM, MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION”; and after line 7, insert:

“(C) (1) THE POLICY DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(I) EXCUSE ALL ABSENCES DUE TO PREGNANCY- OR PARENTING-RELATED CONDITIONS, INCLUDING ABSENCES FOR:

- 1. LABOR;**
- 2. DELIVERY;**
- 3. RECOVERY; AND**

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4. PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS;

(II) PROVIDE AT LEAST 10 DAYS OF EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR A PARENTING STUDENT AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE STUDENT'S CHILD;

(III) EXCUSE ANY PARENTING-RELATED ABSENCES DUE TO AN ILLNESS OR A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT OF THE STUDENT'S CHILD, INCLUDING UP TO 4 DAYS OF ABSENCES PER SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL MAY NOT REQUIRE A NOTE FROM A PHYSICIAN; AND

(IV) EXCUSE ANY ABSENCE DUE TO A LEGAL APPOINTMENT INVOLVING THE PREGNANT OR PARENTING STUDENT THAT IS RELATED TO FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING ADOPTION, CUSTODY, AND VISITATION.

(2) IN ADDITION TO HOME AND HOSPITAL SERVICES, THE SCHOOL MAY ALLOW THE STUDENT TO:

(I) MAKE UP THE WORK THAT THE STUDENT MISSED IN A TIME PERIOD THAT EQUALS AT LEAST AS MANY DAYS THAT THE STUDENT WAS ABSENT; AND

(II) CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES TO MAKE UP WORK THAT THE STUDENT MISSED:

- 1. RETAKE A SEMESTER;**
- 2. PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE COURSE CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM; OR**

3. ALLOW THE STUDENT 6 WEEKS TO CONTINUE AT THE SAME PACE AND FINISH AT A LATER DATE.

(3) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL PUBLISH ITS WRITTEN ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS ON THE COUNTY BOARD'S WEB SITE."