

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2191**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 21 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 339.065 is amended to read:

3 “339.065. (1) In estimating regular attendance for purposes of the com-  
4 pulsory attendance provisions of ORS 339.005 to 339.030, 339.040 to 339.125,  
5 339.137, 339.420 and 339.990, the principal or teacher shall consider all un-  
6 excused absences. Eight unexcused one-half day absences in any four-week  
7 period during which the school is in session shall be considered irregular  
8 attendance.

9 “(2)(a) An absence may be excused by a principal or teacher if the ab-  
10 sence is caused by:

11 “(A) The pupil’s sickness, [*by*] **including the mental or behavioral**  
12 **health of the pupil;**

13 “(B) The sickness of some member of the pupil’s family [*or by*]; **or**

14 “(C) An emergency.

15 “(b) **In addition to the reasons identified in paragraph (a) of this**  
16 **subsection,** a principal or teacher may [*also*] excuse absences for other  
17 reasons [*where*] **when** satisfactory arrangements are made in advance of the  
18 absence.

19 “(3) Any pupil may be excused from attendance by the district school  
20 board for a period not to exceed five days in a term of three months or not  
21 to exceed 10 days in any term of at least six months. Any such excuse shall

1 be in writing directed to the principal of the school which the pupil  
2 attends.”.

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