

HOUSE BILL NO. 1569

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOFANELLI.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school absences.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 171.054, to read as follows:

**171.054. 1. Any absence of a student from a public school, including any charter
2 school, on a particular day or days or at a particular time of day for the reason that the
3 student's parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and:**

4 **(1) Has been called to duty for and will deploy within the next month to a combat
5 zone or combat support posting;**

6 **(2) Is on leave from a deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting; or**

7 **(3) Has returned, within the previous month, from deployment to a combat zone
8 or combat support posting**

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10 **shall be counted as excused to the extent permitted under subsection 2 of this section.**

11 **2. The school board of each school district and the governing body of each charter
12 school shall allow at least five days of excused absences for any student to visit the
13 student's parent or legal guardian relative to the leave or deployment of the parent or legal
14 guardian, as described under subsection 1 of this section. Nothing shall prevent the school
15 board or governing body of a charter school from establishing a policy that allows more
16 than five days of such excused absences.**

17 **3. The student granted an excused absence under this section and his or her parent
18 or legal guardian shall be responsible for obtaining assignments from the student's teacher**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **or teachers before any period of excused absence and for ensuring that such assignments**
20 **are completed by the student before his or her return to school from such period of excused**
21 **absence.**

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