

**HB 2892 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Bonham, Rep. Wilde

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Action Date:** 02/26/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows student to wear dress uniform issued by Armed Forces of United States during high school graduation ceremony if certain conditions are met. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Military regulations against wearing uniforms under other clothing
- Alternatives offered by some school districts

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

At least four states have enacted laws allowing high school students to wear military uniforms at their high school graduation ceremonies: California (2009), Pennsylvania (2011), New Hampshire (2016), and New Jersey (2017).

House Bill 2892 requires school districts and public charter schools to allow students who participate in high school graduation ceremonies, and who have completed basic training for and are active members in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, to wear a dress uniform during the graduation ceremony.