

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2191

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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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 compulsory attendance pro-
4 visions of ORS 339.005 to 339.030, 339.040 to 339.125, 339.137, 339.420 and 339.990, the principal or
5 teacher shall consider all unexcused absences. Eight unexcused one-half day absences in any four-
6 week period during which the school is in session shall be considered irregular attendance.

7 “(2)(a) An absence may be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by:

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

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

10 “(C) An emergency.

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

14 “(3) Any pupil may be excused from attendance by the district school board for a period not to
15 exceed five days in a term of three months or not to exceed 10 days in any term of at least six
16 months. Any such excuse shall be in writing directed to the principal of the school which the pupil
17 attends.”.

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