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Senate Bill 747 (as introduced 9-6-07)
Sponsor: Senator Valde Garcia
Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require school officials to consider a pupil's absence as an excused absence if the pupil were absent from school for up to one full school day because his or her parent or legal guardian was a service member being deployed on or returning from active duty. The bill would not prohibit a public school from considering such an absence that was longer than one full day to be an excused absence.

The board of a school district or intermediate school district or board of directors of a public school academy would have to ensure that its attendance policy was consistent with the bill.

"Service member" would mean a member of the armed forces, a reserve branch of the armed forces, or the Michigan National Guard (the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard). "Armed forces" would mean that term as defined in the Veteran Right to Employment Services Act (MCL 35.1092), i.e., the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or other military force designated by Congress as part of the U.S. Armed Forces. "Active duty" would mean active duty pursuant to an Executive Order of the President of the United States, an act of Congress, or an order of the Governor.

Proposed MCL 380.1138

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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