

CHAPTER 925

H.B. No. 1501

AN ACT

relating to the commemoration of September 11, 2001, at public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.0821 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0821. MINUTE OF SILENCE TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. (a) To commemorate the events of September 11, 2001, in each year that date falls on a regular school day, each public elementary or secondary school shall provide for the observance of one minute of silence at the beginning of the first class period of that day.

(b) Immediately before the period of observance required by this section, the class instructor shall make a statement of reference to the memory of individuals who died on September 11, 2001.

(c) The period of observance required by this section may be held in conjunction with the minute of silence required by Section 25.082.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Newkurt

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1501 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1501 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Daisy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 14 JUNE '13

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State