



SPONSOR: Rep. Wilson-Anton

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
HOUSE BILL NO. 163

1 AMEND House Bill No. 163 by striking lines 1-12 in their entirety.

2 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 163 by striking “may be” as it appears on line 17 and substituting in lieu
3 thereof “is”.

4 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 163 by inserting after line 16 and before line 17 the following and
5 redesignating accordingly:

6 “(b) A list of religious holidays on which a pupil’s absence shall be excused shall be created by the Secretary of
7 Education and placed in regulation. The list of approved religious holidays is not a limit on the power of school districts or
8 charter schools to excuse absence on any other day for the purpose of religious or cultural observance.”

SYNOPSIS

This amendment consolidates the language of the bill into Chapter 27 of Title 14, requires the Secretary of Education to create a list of religious holidays on which an absence must be excused through the regulatory process, and clarifies that a written excuse from a parent or guardian is necessary to excuse a religious absence.