

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill 1545**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1545**

Amend House Bill 1545 as originally introduced:

Page 8, delete lines 6 through 11, and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) A public school may grant an excused absence to a student under this chapter for the student to attend a mental health or family resilience program that:

(A) Honors families of servicemembers and veterans who have died while serving or from service-connected injury or illness, known as Gold Star Families;

(B) Provides family support to promote healing;

(C) Establishes connections with other Gold Star Families;

or

(D) Provides empowerment workshops for Gold Star children.

(2) For a student to receive an excused absence under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the student's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to the student shall provide written documentation that the student's absence:

(A) Is recommended by the student's family physician or other mental health professional and is signed by the student's family physician or mental health professional; or

(B)(i)(a) Is to attend an event from a sponsoring organization that is recognized by the student's school district board of directors.

(b) The student or his or her parent, legal



guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to the student shall provide a letter or other documentation from the sponsoring organization of the student's attendance.

(ii) The public school district board of directors under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section shall review the list of recognized sponsoring organizations at least one (1) time each year."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

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