

ACT 232

S.B. NO. 1662

A Bill for an Act Relating to Religious Holy Days.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 298, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

~~“§298- Religious holy days.~~ The board of education shall release any public school student from school attendance for the purpose of observing religious holy days that fall on regularly scheduled school days, when such release is requested in writing by a parent, guardian or other person having custody or control of such pupil. Actual attendance at observances shall count as an excused absence at the public schools for all purposes where attendance forms the basis of computation.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 23, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.