The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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Present law provides that certain children must be exempted from provisions of state law relative to school attendance, including but not limited to children temporarily excused from school for specified reasons.

Proposed law retains present law and provides additionally that children who are mentally stressed and may be suffering from anxiety and whose attendance in school may endanger their academic performance must be allowed to be absent from school for not more than two days per semester.

Proposed law provides that upon the child's return to school, the parent must provide the school with the recommendation of a medical doctor or mental health professional with judgment or stigma; any school work the child misses due to the mental health absence must be made up before the semester ends.

Proposed law provides that this Act shall be known as the "Tonja Richard Law".

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:226(C))