

# Legislative Analysis

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## EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR A STUDENT TO SOUNDS TAPS

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**House Bill 4157 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Coleman**  
**Committee: Education**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4157 would amend the Revised School Code to require that school officials at a public school count as an excused absence an instance in which a 6th- to 12th-grade public school student is absent from school because they are sounding taps at a military honors funeral being held in Michigan for a deceased veteran. The student could be excused for up to one full school day for this activity.

Additionally, the board of a school district or intermediate school district (ISD) or the board of directors of a public school academy (PSA, or charter school) would have to ensure that its attendance policy was consistent with this requirement.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 380.1138a

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could create administrative costs for local school districts, ISDs, or PSAs to ensure that their attendance policies are consistent with those required by the bill. Costs would likely be minimal and absorbed using existing staff time.

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