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By Representatives Short, Kretz, and Magendanz

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1            AN ACT Relating to absences from the meetings of a school  
2 district board of directors because of a temporary absence resulting  
3 from travel for work, duties as an elected or appointed official, or  
4 military service; and amending RCW 28A.343.390.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.343.390 and 1994 c 223 s 5 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8            (1) A majority of all members of the board of directors shall  
9 constitute a quorum. Absence of any board member from four  
10 consecutive regular meetings of the board, unless on account of  
11 sickness or authorized by resolution of the board, shall be  
12 sufficient cause for the remaining members of the board to declare by  
13 resolution that such board member position is vacated. In addition,  
14 vacancies shall occur as provided in RCW 42.12.010.

15            (2) If a board member will be unable to attend a regular meeting  
16 because of a temporary absence resulting from travel for work, duties  
17 as an elected or appointed official, or military service, the member  
18 and the board must use available and sufficient electronic remote  
19 access means for allowing the member to participate in the meeting.  
20 If no arrangements can be made for the board member's participation  
21 in the meeting through remote access means, and if the temporarily

1 absent board member is otherwise available to participate in the  
2 meeting, the board member's absence must be excused and may not be  
3 considered for purposes of declaring a board member position vacated.  
4 For purposes of this subsection, "remote access means" include, but  
5 are not limited to, conference calls and internet-based communication  
6 technologies that include audio or audio and video connections.

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