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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require high schools to allow high school students participating in organized National Signing Day activities related to the acceptance of athletic scholarships, postsecondary school educational commitments, apprenticeship programs, and military enlistments to be excused from class.

This bill would also require high schools to provide reasonable accommodations for those activities.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to public high schools; to require high schools to excuse students from class to participate in National Signing Day activities related to the acceptance of athletic scholarships, postsecondary school educational commitments, apprenticeship programs, and military enlistments; and to provide reasonable accommodations for those activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) High school students who sign commitment



29 letters at a ceremony during instructional time at school as  
30 part of organized National Signing Day activities related to  
31 the acceptance of athletic scholarships, postsecondary school  
32 educational commitments, commitments to apprenticeship  
33 programs, and military enlistments shall be excused from  
34 class.

35 (b) For activities conducted pursuant to subsection  
36 (a):

37 (1) A school shall provide reasonable accommodations.  
38 For purposes of this subdivision, reasonable accommodations  
39 shall include, but not be limited to, meeting space with  
40 Internet connectivity access and seating, the use of which  
41 will not interfere with instruction;

42 (2) Guests may attend subject to local board of  
43 education policy; and

44 (3) A school principal may excuse other students to  
45 attend.

46 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
47 1, 2026.