
DIGEST

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HB 629 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to responsibilities of parents and schools with respect to truant children.

Present law requires parents to send their children to school and provides certain penalties for failure to comply. Proposed law additionally requires the parent of a truant student to ensure that the student makes up missed school work by attending after-school tutoring sessions, weekend make-up classes, or other remediation opportunities, as determined by the school board, until the student has caught up with his school work. Requires the parent to attend meetings at the school on at least a monthly basis relative to the student's progress until the student has caught up on his missed school work and any assistance fair conducted by the district that provides information on supports available to families. Provides that failure to comply with proposed law may subject a parent to present law penalties for the crime of improper supervision of a minor.

Proposed law further requires each school principal to note any concerns that school personnel have relative to a student's attendance on any Supplemental Security Income form the school receives relative to that child.

(Amends R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add that failure to comply with proposed law may subject parents to present law criminal penalties for improper supervision of a minor.
2. Provide that work can be made up at other remediation opportunities in addition to after-school tutoring sessions and weekend make-up classes.
3. Add requirement that principals note concerns that school personnel have relative to a student's attendance on any Supplemental Security Income form the school receives relative to that child.