

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 629

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

STUDENT/SCH ATTENDANCE: Provides for responsibilities of parents of truant children

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(b), relative to truancy; to provide for parental
3 responsibilities with respect to truant students; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §233. Cases of habitual absence or tardiness referred to juvenile or family court;
7 denial or suspension of driving privileges; parental responsibilities

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9 B.(1)

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11 (b) The parent or legal guardian of a student shall enforce the attendance of
12 the student at the school to which the student is assigned. The parent or legal
13 guardian of a truant student shall ensure that the student makes up missed school
14 work by attending after-school tutoring sessions or weekend make-up classes as
15 determined by the school board until the students has caught up with his school
16 work. The parent shall also attend meetings at the school on at least a monthly basis
17 relative to the student's progress until the student has caught up on his missed school
18 work.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to parental responsibilities 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 or weekend make-up classes 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.

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