



# COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

HB 2398

# TERMINOLOGY

## • THE OLD TERMS

- FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL
- CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR
- COMPLAINT
- DEFENDANT
- CONVICTION
- JUDGMENT & SENTENCE
- GUILTY/NOT GUILTY PLEA

## • THE NEW TERMS

- TRUANT CONDUCT
- CIVIL ACTION
- PETITION
- RESPONDENT
- ADJUDICATION
- REMEDIAL ORDER
- PLEA OF TRUE/NOT TRUE

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- A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST SIX YEARS OF AGE AND HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL OR VOLUNTARILY ENROLLS IN SCHOOL OR VOLUNTARILY ATTENDS SCHOOL AFTER THE PERIOD OF ENROLLMENT OR ATTENDANCE HAS ENDED SHALL ATTEND SCHOOL EACH SCHOOL DAY FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD THE PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS OFFERED.

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- A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST SIX YEARS OF AGE AND HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL WHO HAS NOT YET REACHED THE CHILD'S 19<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY SHALL ATTEND SCHOOL. A CHILD WHO VOLUNTARILY ENROLLS IN SCHOOL OR VOLUNTARILY ATTENDS SCHOOL AFTER THE PERIOD OF ENROLLMENT SHALL ATTEND SCHOOL EACH SCHOOL DAY FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD THE PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS OFFERED.
- CHANGE: 18 YEAR OLDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHARGES OF "TRUANT CONDUCT."

# FAMILY CODE

FAMILY CODE SECTION 65.003 - A CHILD ENGAGES IN TRUANT CONDUCT IF THE CHILD IS ATTEND SCHOOL UNDER SECTION 25.085, EDUCATION CODE, AND FAILS TO ATTEND SCHOOL MORE DAYS OR PARTS OF DAYS WITHIN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD IN THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR

CHANGE: 10 OR MORE DAYS OR PARTS OF DAYS WITHIN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD

ELIMINATED: THREE OR MORE DAYS OR PARTS OF DAYS WITHIN A FOUR-WEEK PERIOD (

# REQUIRED NOTIFICATION

- PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTICE: IF YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON 10 OR MORE PARTS OF DAYS WITHIN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD IN THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AND YOUR STUDENT IS SUBJECT TO A REFERRAL TO A TRUANCY COURT.
- INFO SNAP
- STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK

# THE PROCESS BEGINS

- IF A STUDENT FAILS TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITHOUT EXCUSE ON THREE OR MORE DAYS WITHIN A FOUR-WEEK PERIOD, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL INITIATE TRUANCY PREVENTION ON THE STUDENT.

# TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES

- A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES TO:
  - ADDRESS STUDENT CONDUCT RELATED TO TRUANCY
  - MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR REFERRALS TO TRUANCY COURT FOR TRUANT CONDUCT
- AS A TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURE, A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL TAKE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
  - IMPOSE A BEHAVIOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ATTENDANCE CONTRACT)
    - SIGNED BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE & THE STUDENT'S PARENTS (GOOD FAITH EFFORT)
    - SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE BEHAVIOR THAT IS REQUIRED OR PROHIBITED FOR THE STUDENT
    - TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH THE PLAN WILL BE IN EFFECT (NOT TO EXCEED 45 DAYS)
    - PENALTIES FOR ADDITIONAL ABSENCES INCLUDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR A REFERRAL TO TRUANCY COURT
  - SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY SERVICE
  - REFER THE STUDENT TO COUNSELING, MEDIATION, MENTORING, TEEN COURT, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES OF SCHOOL SERVICES AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE STUDENT'S TRUANCY
- THE REFERRAL MAY INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY THE CHILD'S PARENT/GUARDIAN IF NECESSARY



# TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES

- MUST BE DOCUMENTED IN CASE A REFERRAL TO TRUANCY COURT IS NECESSARY.
  - A COURT REFERRAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT FROM THE SCHOOL CE FOLLOWING:
    - THE SCHOOL APPLIED TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES TO THE STUDENT
    - THE TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES FAILED TO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS THE STUDENT'
    - SPECIFY WHETHER OR NOT THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR RECEIVES SPECIAL EDUCATION
- CHAPTER 29.

# A SCHOOL DISTRICT “SHALL”...

- OFFER ADDITIONAL COUNSELING TO A STUDENT AND MAY NOT REFER THE STUDENT TO THE SCHOOL DETERMINES THAT THE STUDENT’S TRUANCY IS A RESULT OF:
  - PREGNANCY
  - BEING IN THE STATE FOSTER PROGRAM
  - HOMELESSNESS, OR
  - BEING THE PRINCIPAL INCOME EARNER FOR THE STUDENT’S FAMILY

# TIMING OF THE REFERRAL

- A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL SEND A WARNING LETTER AFTER THE THIRD UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.
- A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES (INTERVENTIONS) BEFORE THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ABSENCE.
- A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL REFER A STUDENT ENGAGING IN TRUANT CONDUCT TO TRUANCY COURT WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE STUDENT'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ABSENCE.

# FINES AND COURT COSTS

- COURT COSTS - \$50.00 MAXIMUM
- \$100 FOR A FIRST OFFENSE
- \$200 FOR A SECOND OFFENSE
- \$300 FOR A THIRD OFFENSE
- \$400 FOR A FOURTH OFFENSE
- \$500 FOR A FIFTH OFFENSE



# RAAWEE – INTERVENTIONS REPORT

- INTERVENTIONS REPORT

  - CAMPUS

  - DISTRICT

  - RACE

  - ZIP CODE (NOT INCLUDED)

- DASH BOARD

  - DIRECTOR

  - PRINCIPAL

- REPORT GENERATOR

  - GRAPHS

  - NUMERIC

  - TRENDS (6 WEEKS/9WEEKS)

# RAAWEE - TRUANCY COURT DIVISION PROGRAM

- “ATTACH” STUDENT FILE
- “ATTACH” STUDENT’S INTERVENTIONS
- “ATTACH” TRACKER REPORT

# RAAWEE – WHITE LIST CAPABILITIES

- STUDENTS THAT ARE PREGNANT
- STUDENTS IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM
- STUDENTS ARE PRIMARY INCOME EARNER
- HOMELESS
- LIFE SKILLS/ADAPTIVE LIFE SKILLS



# RAAWEE – I APP

- 35 LICENSES – 1 EACH CAMPUS PLUS TWO ATTENDANCE OFFICERS
- TABLET CAPABILITIES - GENERATE MOST OF THE ABOVE
- \$150 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL

# RAAWEE – TOTAL PACKAGE

- 2015 RAAWEE

BASIC PACKAGE:       \$36,900.

I APP                 \$23,800.

TOTAL                 \$60,700.

- 2016 - \$36,900.

- 2017 - \$42,075.

- 2018 - 5% INCREASE ANNUALLY