

HB1021_L.005

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.HB13-1021 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, after line 1, insert:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-33-104, add (4)
3 (b.5) as follows:

4 **22-33-104. Compulsory school attendance.** (4) (b.5) EACH
5 BOARD OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE
6 PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING STUDENTS WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ABSENT
7 AND TO IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES AND RESEARCH-BASED STRATEGIES
8 TO IMPROVE THE ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CHRONICALLY
9 ABSENT.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-33-107, amend
11 (3) (a), (3) (b) introductory portion; and add (3) (b) (I.5) as follows:

12 **22-33-107. Enforcement of compulsory school attendance -**
13 **definitions.** (3) (a) As used in this subsection (3): a

14 (I) "Child who is habitually truant" means a child who has
15 attained the age of six years on or before August 1 of the year in question
16 and is under the age of seventeen years ~~having~~ AND WHO HAS four
17 unexcused absences from public school in any one month or ten
18 unexcused absences from public school during any school year. Absences
19 due to suspension or expulsion of a child ~~shall be~~ ARE considered excused
20 absences for purposes of this subsection (3).

21 (II) "LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP" MEANS THE LOCAL
22 JUVENILE SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO
23 SECTION 19-2-211, C.R.S., THE LOCAL COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT
24 GROUP CREATED BY A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ENTERED INTO
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1.9-102, C.R.S., OR ANOTHER LOCAL GROUP OF
26 PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT COLLABORATE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
27 IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS.

28 (b) The board of education of each school district shall adopt and
29 implement policies and procedures concerning ~~children~~ ELEMENTARY
30 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
31 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO WORK WITH CHILDREN who are habitually
32 truant. The policies and procedures ~~shall~~ MUST include provisions for the
33 development of a plan. The plan ~~shall~~ MUST be developed with the goal
34 of assisting the child to remain in school and, when practicable, with the
35 full participation of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian.
36 Appropriate school personnel shall make all reasonable efforts to meet
37 with the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child to review and



1 evaluate the reasons for the child's truancy. THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL
2 PERSONNEL ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
3 SERVICES GROUP TO DEVELOP THE PLAN. The policies and procedures may
4 also include but need not be limited to the following:

5 (I.5) PROCEDURES TO MONITOR THE ATTENDANCE OF EACH CHILD
6 ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY EACH CHILD WHO HAS A
7 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND TO WORK WITH THE
8 LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP AND THE CHILD'S PARENT TO IDENTIFY
9 AND ADDRESS THE LIKELY ISSUES UNDERLYING THE CHILD'S TRUANCY,
10 INCLUDING ANY NONACADEMIC ISSUES;"

11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

12 Page 4, after line 19, insert:

13 "(II) WHETHER THE CHILD WAS IDENTIFIED AS CHRONICALLY
14 ABSENT AND, IF SO, THE STRATEGIES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT USED TO
15 IMPROVE THE CHILD'S ATTENDANCE;"

16 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

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