

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

April 30, 2013  
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB13-1021 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

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

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1.9-102, C.R.S., OR ANOTHER LOCAL GROUP OF  
2 PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT COLLABORATE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO  
3 IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS.

4 (b) The board of education of each school district shall adopt and  
5 implement policies and procedures concerning ~~children~~ ELEMENTARY  
6 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
7 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO WORK WITH CHILDREN who are habitually  
8 truant. The policies and procedures ~~shall~~ MUST include provisions for the  
9 development of a plan. The plan ~~shall~~ MUST be developed with the goal  
10 of assisting the child to remain in school and, when practicable, with the  
11 full participation of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian.  
12 Appropriate school personnel shall make all reasonable efforts to meet  
13 with the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child to review and  
14 evaluate the reasons for the child's truancy. THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL  
15 PERSONNEL ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY  
16 SERVICES GROUP TO DEVELOP THE PLAN. The policies and procedures may  
17 also include but need not be limited to the following:

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

24 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

25 Page 4, after line 19, insert:

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

29 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

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