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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Truancy - Child in Need of Supervision Petition**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain school officials, upon receipt of a report from
4 certain other school officials that a student has been absent more than a certain
5 number of times in 1 month, to initiate a certain investigation into the cause of the
6 child's truancy or to file a complaint with the Department of Juvenile Justice
7 alleging that the student is a child in need of supervision.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 7-302
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-302.

17 (A) The principal or head teacher of each public or private school in this State
18 shall report immediately to the county superintendent, the supervisor of pupil personnel,
19 or any other official designated by the county superintendent the name of each child
20 enrolled in his school who has been absent or irregular in attendance, without lawful
21 excuse, or who shows evidence of maladjustment, so that the causes may be studied and
22 solutions worked out.

23 (B) UPON RECEIPT OF A REPORT FROM A PRINCIPAL OR HEAD TEACHER OF A
24 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT A STUDENT HAS BEEN ABSENT 10 OR MORE DAYS
25 IN 1 MONTH WITHOUT A MEDICAL EXCUSE, THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT,
26 SUPERVISOR OF PERSONNEL, OR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE SHALL:

27 (1) INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF THE CHILD'S
28 TRUANCY, INCLUDING FAMILY COUNSELING AND INTERVENTION OF OTHER
29 APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES; OR

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1 (2) FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
2 ALLEGING THAT THE STUDENT IS A CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 1996.