

18 A: 38-31

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 18A:38-31 (School pupils--truancy--increase fines levied against parents)

LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 153

Bill No. S18

Sponsor(s) Weiss

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly Education

Senate Education

Amended during passage Yes No

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Senate Feb. 25, 1980

Date of approval Nov. 24, 1980

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes No (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes No

Senate Yes No

Fiscal Note Yes No

Veto Message Yes No

Message on signing Yes No

Following were printed:

Reports Yes No

Hearings Yes No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill increases the fines for failure of a parent or guardian to comply with the requirement that any child between 6 and 16 attend school. The present fines, established in 1915 (P.L. 1915, c.224), are insufficient and unrealistic.

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DIVISION

Recommendation for legislation in:

974.90 New Jersey. Juvenile Justice Task Force.
J97 Advisory Committee on "School Violence,
1981h Vandalism, Alternative schools.
Final report...Jan, 1981, Trenton, 1981.
(See recommendation #2 and p.10)

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 18

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 1980

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill which increases the fines for failure of a parent or guardian to comply with the requirement that any child between 6 and 16 attend school. The present fines, established in 1915 (P. L. 1915, c. 224), are insufficient and unrealistic. The higher fines should serve to discourage truancy.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 18

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 19, 1980

On June 19, 1980 the Assembly Education Committee favorably reported this bill which increases the fines for failure of a parent or guardian to comply with the requirement that any child between 6 and 16 attend school. The present fines, established in 1915 (P. L. 1915, c. 224), are insufficient and unrealistic. The higher fines should serve to discourage truancy.



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REPORT

OF

THE JUVENILE JUSTICE TASK FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON "SCHOOL VIOLENCE, VANDALISM, ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS"

TO

Assemblyman Martin A. Herman, Chairman
and Members of the Assembly Judiciary,
Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee

January, 1981

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FINDINGS

1. The Advisory Committee supported the concept of legislatively mandating that the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on school premises shall be reason for suspension or expulsion, as provided in Assembly, No. 689, with the further recommendation that it be broadened to include the possession, consumption, or being under the influence of controlled dangerous substances. This reaffirms the social policy of the state in the form of legislation.

2. In order to address the issue of truancy, and recognizing the relationship between truancy and the increased incidence of juvenile crime, the Advisory Committee supported an increase in fines against parents or guardians for failing to assume their responsibility for enforcing their child's attendance at school, as provided in Senate, No. 18. Senate, No. 18 increases the fines from not more than \$5.00 to not more than \$25.00 for a first offense and from not more than \$25.00 to not more than \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

3. The Advisory Committee supported coordinating educational programs for children in county detention facilities, shelters, JINS programs, or mental hospital facilities whose needs have not been addressed by P.L. 1975, c. 212, the Public School Education Act, as provided in Senate, No. 216. Currently, educational programs are weak or non-existent in many of these facilities.