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DIGEST

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SB No. 309

Present law provides that a student shall be considered habitually absent or habitually tardy when either condition continues to exist after all reasonable efforts by any school personnel, truancy officer, or other law enforcement personnel have failed to correct the condition after the fifth unexcused absence or the fifth unexcused occurrence of being tardy. Provides that the parent or legal guardian of a student shall enforce the attendance of the student at the school to which the student is assigned. Further provides that the school principal, or his designee, shall notify the parent or legal guardian in writing upon a student's third unexcused absence or unexcused occurrence of being tardy and hold a conference with such student's parent or legal guardian. Further provides that the student's parent or legal guardian shall sign such notification.

Proposed law retains present law except:

- (1) Requires that the student's parent or legal guardian be notified in writing "on or before" the student's third unexcused absence or unexcused occurrence of being tardy.
- (2) Provides that the notification sent to the parent or legal guardian on or before the student's third unexcused absence or unexcused occurrence of being tardy shall include information relative to the parent or legal guardian's legal responsibility to enforce the student's attendance at school and the civil penalties that may be incurred if the student is determined to be habitually absent or habitually tardy.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the engrossed bill.

1. Reinstates present law requirement that the principal or his designee hold a conference with the student's parent or legal guardian.