

SENATE BILL NO. 309

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(c), relative to compulsory school attendance; to provide relative to habitual student absence or tardiness; to provide relative to notification to the parent or legal guardian of a student who is at-risk of being considered habitually absent or tardy; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§233. Cases of habitual absence or tardiness referred to juvenile or family court; denial or suspension of driving privileges

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B.(1)

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(c) The principal of the school, or his designee, shall notify the parent or legal guardian in writing ~~upon~~ on or before a student's third unexcused absence or unexcused occurrence of being tardy, and shall hold a conference with such student's parent or legal guardian. This notification 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. The student's parent or legal guardian shall sign a receipt for such notification.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____