

INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Referred to Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

**AN ACT**

Concerning public schools of the State of Nevada, establishing and defining certain crimes and providing punishment therefor, and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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CHAPTER 1

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION

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SECTION 1. *Children Between the Ages of Seven (7) and Eighteen (18) Years Must Attend School—When Excused—Reasons for Nonattendance.* Each parent guardian, or other person in the State of Nevada, having control or charge of any child between the ages of seven (7) and eighteen (18) years, shall send and be required to send such child to a public school during all the time such public school shall be in session in the school district in which such child resides; and, if such child will arrive at the age of six (6) years by October 1, it shall be admitted to the first grade of such school at the beginning of said school year, and its attendance shall be counted for apportionment purposes as if it were already six (6) years of age, otherwise, such child shall not

1 be admitted until the beginning of the immediately following
2 school term; *provided*, that in schools granting midterm pro-
3 motions, any child who reaches the age of six (6) years
4 by February first of the same year shall be admitted to the
5 first grade of that school at the beginning of the second
6 semester, and its attendance shall be counted for apportion-
7 ment purposes as if it were already six years of age; *provided*,
8 that the foregoing restriction relative to the admission of
9 children six (6) years of age and under such age to the first
10 grade shall not be effective until July 1, 1948. But such
11 attendance shall be excused in the following cases when satis-
12 factory written evidence to that effect is presented to the
13 board of school trustees of the school district in which such
14 child resides;

15 1. That the child's bodily or mental condition or attitude
16 is such as to prevent or render inadvisable its attendance at
17 school or application to study. A certificate in writing from
18 any reputable physician filed with such board that such
19 child is not able to attend school, or that its attendance is
20 inadvisable, must be taken as satisfactory evidence by any
21 such board, which certificate shall be filed with such board
22 immediately after it has been so received; or

23 2. That said student has already completed the twelve (12)
24 grades of the elementary and high school courses; but any
25 such student between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen
26 (18) years who has completed the work of the first eight (8)
27 grades may be excused from full-time school attendance and
28 be permitted to enter proper employment or apprenticeship,
29 by the written authority of such board of trustees, excusing
30 such pupil from such attendance, together with the reason or
31 reasons for such excuse. In all such cases no employer or
32 other person shall employ or contract for the services or time

1 of such pupil until he or she presents a written permit there-
2 for from the attendance officer or board of school trustees of
3 such school. Such permit shall be kept on file by the
4 employer, and on termination of such employment must be
5 returned by the employer to the school board or other author-
6 ity issuing the same; or

7 3. That the child is receiving under private or public
8 instruction, at home or in some other school, equivalent
9 instruction fully approved by the state board of education
10 as to the kind and amount thereof; or

11 4. That the child, fourteen (14) years of age or over, must
12 work for its own or its parent's support; or

13 5. That the deputy superintendent of public instruction
14 of that educational supervision district has determined that
15 the child's residence is located at such distance from the near-
16 est public school as to render attendance unsafe or impractic-
17 able and its parent or guardian has notified said school board
18 to that effect in writing; or

19 6. The juvenile department of the district court, after
20 reviewing the case, may issue a permit to any child who has
21 completed the eighth grade authorizing him to leave school.

22 SEC. 2. *Truancy Defined.* Any school child shall be
23 deemed a truant, in the meaning of this school code, who
24 shall have been absent from school without valid excuse which
25 is acceptable to its teacher or principal of said school; and
26 absence for any part of a day shall be considered as absence
27 for that entire day within the meaning of this section. The
28 teacher, attendance officer, if any, or other school official,
29 shall deliver or cause to be delivered a written notice of such
30 truancy to a parent, guardian, or other person having control
31 or charge of the child. After such notice has been so deliv-
32 ered or furnished to said parent, guardian or other person,