

CHAPTER 524

(Senate Bill 234)

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools - Unlawful Absence

FOR the purpose of specifying that the fine for unlawful absence from school is to be applied per day of unlawful absence; and providing for suspension of the fine under certain conditions; providing that a suspension under this Act is in addition to and not in limitation of the suspension authority under a certain section of the Code; and generally relating to penalties for unlawful absences from public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education
Section 7-301(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

7-301.

(e) (1) Any person who induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school or employs or harbors any child who is absent unlawfully from school while school is in session is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$50 PER DAY OF UNLAWFUL ABSENCE ~~OR THE COURT MAY SUSPEND THE FINE AND ESTABLISH TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD PROMOTE THE CHILD'S ATTENDANCE.~~

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$50 PER DAY OF UNLAWFUL ABSENCE OR THE COURT MAY SUSPEND THE FINE AND ESTABLISH TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD PROMOTE THE CHILD'S ATTENDANCE. THE SUSPENSION AUTHORITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION IS IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN LIMITATION OF THE SUSPENSION AUTHORITY UNDER ARTICLE 27, SECTION 641A OF THE CODE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.