

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

SUBTITLE 8C. TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM.

3-8C-01.

(A) THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY.

3-8C-02.

~~(B) (1) THE CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT SHALL MAY ESTABLISH A TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM IN ONE OR MORE OF THE CIRCUIT JUVENILE COURTS OF IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY.~~

~~(2) THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY SHALL ASSIGN TO A TRUANCY DOCKET ALL:~~

~~(i) PETITIONS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ALLEGING THAT A CHILD WHO IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL FAILS TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE; AND~~

~~(ii) CRIMINAL CASES ARISING UNDER THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAWS OF THE STATE UNDER § 7-301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.~~

~~3-8C-02. 3-8C-03.~~

(A) A CHILD WHO IS REQUIRED UNDER § 7-301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE MAY NOT FAIL TO ATTEND SCHOOL DO SO WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE.

(B) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CODE VIOLATION AND IS A CIVIL OFFENSE.

(C) ADJUDICATION OF A CODE VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR ANY PURPOSE AND DOES NOT IMPOSE ANY OF THE CIVIL DISABILITIES ORDINARILY IMPOSED BY A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

~~3-8C-03. 3-8C-04.~~

(A) AN AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL MAY FILE WITH THE JUVENILE COURT A PETITION ALLEGING THAT A CHILD WHO IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL FAILS TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE SHALL BE FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT BY AN AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) IF A CHILD IS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 YEARS, AN AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL MAY NOT FILE A PETITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE UNLESS ONLY IF: