

~~kindergarten program regularly during the school year prior to entering the first grade unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction in the skills and studies usually taught in a kindergarten program of a public school.~~

~~7-302.~~

~~(a) The principal or head teacher of each public or private school in this State shall report immediately to the county superintendent, the supervisor of pupil personnel, or any other official designated by the county superintendent the name of each child enrolled in his school who has been absent or irregular in attendance, without lawful excuse, or who shows evidence of maladjustment, so that the causes may be studied and solutions worked out.~~

~~(b) On receipt of a report from a principal or head teacher of a public school that a student has been habitually truant without lawful excuse, the appropriate representative of the school system:~~

~~(1) Shall initiate an investigation into the cause of the child's truancy;~~

~~(2) May provide counseling regarding the availability of social, health, and educational services; and~~

~~(3) Following the investigation or intervention:~~

~~(i) May notify the Department of Juvenile Services that the student has been habitually truant, without lawful excuse;~~

~~(ii) Shall notify the appropriate local department that the student has been habitually truant, without lawful excuse, if a court has given the notice authorized by § 3-819(b) 1) of the Courts Article; and~~

~~(iii) Shall notify the Department of Juvenile Services that the student has been habitually truant, without lawful excuse, if a court has given the notice authorized by § 3-8A-19(d)(5) of the Courts Article.~~

~~(c) The county superintendent, the superintendent's designee, or the supervisor of pupil personnel shall provide to the local education agency for inclusion in the report of the local education agency under § 7-304(f)(1) of this subtitle information regarding the number of students identified as being habitually truant.~~

~~(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO:~~

~~(i) A CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE AND REQUIRED UNDER § 7-301 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL; AND~~