

(2) Upon request and in accordance with a county board's policies concerning residency, a county superintendent may allow a child to attend school in the county even if the child is not domiciled in that county with the child's parent or guardian.

(3) If a child fraudulently attends a public school in a county where the child is not domiciled with the child's parent or guardian, the child's parent or guardian shall be subject to a penalty payable to the county for the pro rata share of tuition for the time the child fraudulently attends a public school in the county.

(4) Nothing in this section alters the requirements for out-of-county placements contained in § 4-122 and Title 8, Subtitles 3 and 4 of this article or in any other State or federal law.

(c) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(ii) "Informal kinship care" means a living arrangement in which a relative of a child, who is not in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department of social services, provides for the care and custody of the child due to a serious family hardship.

(iii) "Relative" means an adult related to the child by blood or marriage within the fifth degree of consanguinity.

(iv) "Serious family hardship" means:

1. Death of a parent or legal guardian of the child;
2. Serious illness of a parent or legal guardian of the child;
3. Drug addiction of a parent or legal guardian of the child;
4. Incarceration of a parent or legal guardian of the child;
5. Abandonment by a parent or legal guardian of the child; or
6. Assignment of a parent or legal guardian of a child to active military duty.