

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of failure to attend school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 25.094(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An individual commits an offense if the individual:

(1) is 12 years of age or older and younger than 21 [~~18~~] years of age;

(2) is required to attend school under Section 25.085 or a school district policy adopted under that section; and

(3) fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 25.094, Education Code, apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.