

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the failure to attend school for part of a day.

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

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

(a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), an individual fails to attend school on a part of a day only if the individual misses:

(1) more than 15 percent of an instructional day; or

(2) more than 15 percent of a class period.

SECTION 2. Section 51.03, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), a child is absent for a part of a day only if the child misses:

(1) more than 15 percent of an instructional day; or

(2) more than 15 percent of a class period.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed or conduct violating a penal law that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed or conduct that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed or conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed or conduct violating a penal law occurred before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense or

1 violation occurred before that date.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.