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H.B. No. 2234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of contributing to truancy by a parent;  
increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.093, Education Code, is amended by  
amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-2) to read as  
follows:

(c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a misdemeanor,  
punishable by a fine [~~only,~~] in an amount not to exceed:

(1) \$250 and by not less than eight hours of community  
service [~~\$100~~] for a first offense;

(2) \$350 and by not less than 16 hours of community  
service [~~\$200~~] for a second offense;

(3) \$450 and by not less than 24 hours of community  
service [~~\$300~~] for a third offense; or

(4) [~~\$400 for a fourth offense, or~~

~~(5)]~~ \$500 and by not less than 32 hours of community  
service for a fourth [~~fifth~~] or subsequent offense.

(c-2) A defendant required to perform community service  
under this section after conviction of an offense under Subsection  
(a) shall perform school-based community service in the county in  
which the defendant resides.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
4 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
5 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
6 before that date.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.