

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2209** by Meyer (Relating to an affirmative defense to an allegation of truant conduct.),  
**As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Family Code to create a new affirmative defense to an allegation that a child committed truant conduct if the absences from school were due to the child's voluntary absence from the child's home because of abuse.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

According to OCA, no significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated.

Truancy is a civil offense adjudicated in truancy court. A judge in truancy court may impose \$50 in court costs in addition to remedial orders to prevent future truancy. Lost revenue from forgone court costs is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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