

By: Kolkhorst

S.B. No. 1571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to complaints filed by a school district regarding the offense of contributing to truancy by a parent.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0951(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a student fails to attend school without excuse as specified by Subsection (a), a school district shall ~~may~~ file a complaint against the student's parent in a county, justice, or municipal court for an offense under Section 25.093 if the school district possesses and is able to provide to the court ~~provides~~ evidence of the parent's criminal negligence. In this subsection, "parent" includes a person standing in parental relation.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.