

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, a school district must report a student who fails to attend school on 10 or more days without an excuse to a county, justice, or municipal court within seven days of the last absence. The Office of the Attorney General issued a ruling that the case must be dismissed if the complaint against the student is not filed within the seven days. This time limit has proven to be very difficult for school districts to comply with. By changing the time limit to 14 days, fewer of these cases will have to be dismissed.

As proposed, S.B. 1161 increases the time frame required for a school district to report to certain authorities, from seven to 14 days, if a student has not attended school on 10 or more days without an excuse.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.0951(a), Education Code, to require a school district to take certain actions within 14, rather than seven, school days of a student's last absence if the student fails to attend school without excuse on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.