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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H. P. 1650, L.D. 1851, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to Habitual Truants and School Dropouts."

Amend the bill in section 1 by inserting at the end the
following:

'11. Penalties. Any person having control of a child
who induces the child to be absent from school or who harbors or
conceals a child who is unlawfully absent from school shall be
punished by a fine of not more than \$25 or by imprisonment for
not more than 30 days for each offense.

12. Reports; superintendent; commissioner.

A. Each superintendent shall submit to the commissioner
annually, prior to October 1st, a report which includes an
identification of the number of habitual truants designated
in the unit during the previous school year, any other
information relating to truants which the commissioner deems
necessary.

B. The commissioner shall submit to the Legislature and
the Governor annually prior to January 15th, a report which
includes an identification of the number of pupils designated
as habitual truants during the previous school year, describes
the development use of alternate programs as authorized in
this section, assesses the effect of the provisions of this
section or the incidence of truancy throughout the State.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and renumbering sections to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Include a penalty of 30 days in jail or \$25 for any person who has a child under his control who causes the child to be unlawfully absent from school;
2. Deletes a provision that would have reduced the subsidy to a local unit by prohibiting the unit from counting any pupil who had been absent unexcused more than 15% of the school year;
3. Require local units to report annually to the commissioner on truancy; and
4. Require the commissioner to report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on truancy.

Filed by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

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