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Sec. 37-81. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: For the purposes of this section:

Acceptable excuse means an acceptable excuse as defined in Wis. Stats. §§ 118.15, 118.16(4).

Dropout means a pupil who ceased to attend school, does not attend a public or private school, technical college or home-based private educational system on a full-time basis, has not graduated from high school and does not have an acceptable excuse under Wis. Stats. § 118.15(1)(b)—(d), (3) and who is at least 16 years of age, but less than 18 years of age.

Habitual truant means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

Truancy means any absence of part or all of one or more days from school during which the school attendance officer, principal or teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent or guardian of the absent pupil, and also means intermittent attendance carried on for the purpose of defeating the intent of the compulsory school attendance requirements set forth in Wis. Stats. § 118.15.

Truant means a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of any day on which school is held during a school semester.

Sec. 37-82. - Penalties—Truant.

Any person who is deemed to be a truant may be subject to one or more of the following dispositions by the court:

- (1) An order for the person to attend school.
- (2) A forfeiture of not more than \$50.00 plus costs for a first violation or a forfeiture of not more than \$100.00 plus costs for any second or subsequent violation

committed within 12 months of a previous violation, subject to Wis. Stats. § 983.37, and subject to a maximum cumulative forfeiture amount of not more than \$500.00 for all violations committed during a school semester. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the truant, the parents or guardian of the truant of both.

Sec. 37-83. - Same—Habitual truant.

Any person who is deemed to be a habitual truant may be subject to one or more of the following dispositions by the court:

- (1) The suspension of the habitual truant's operating privilege for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it to the state department of transportation, together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.
- (2) An order for the habitual truant to participate in counseling, or a supervised work program, or other community service work as described in Wis. Stats. § 938.34 (5)(g). The cost of any such counseling, supervised work program or community service work may be assessed against the habitual truant, the parents or guardian of the habitual truant, or both.
- (3) An order for the habitual truant to remain at home, except during the hours in which the habitual truant is attending religious worship or a school program, including travel time required to get to and from the school program or place of worship. The order may permit a habitual truant to leave the truant's home if the habitual truant is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- (4) An order for the habitual truant to attend an education program as described in Wis. Stats. § 938.342(d).
- (5) An order for the department of workforce development to revoke, under Wis. Stats. §§ 103.70, 103.72, authorizing the employment of the habitual truant.
- (6) An order for the habitual truant to be placed in a teen court program as described in Wis. Stats. § 938.342(1)(f), (g).
- (7) An order for the habitual truant to attend school.
- (8) A forfeiture of not more than \$500.00 plus costs, subject to Wis. Stats. § 938.37. All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the habitual truant, the parents or guardians of the habitual truant or both.
- (9) Any other reasonable conditions consistent with this section, including curfew, restrictions as to going or to remaining on specified premises and/or restrictions on associating with other children and/or adults.
- (10) An order placing the habitual truant under formal or informal supervision, as described in Wis. Stats. § 983.34(2), for up to one year.
- (11) An order for the habitual truant's parent, guardian or legal custodian to participate in counseling at the parent's, guardians, or legal custodian's own expense or to attend school with the habitual truant or both.

Sec. 37-84. - Same—Dropout.

- (a) Any person who is deemed to be a dropout may be subject to the court suspending the person's operating privileges until the person reaches the age of 18. The court shall immediately take possession of any suspended license and forward it to the state

department of transportation, together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

- (b) The municipal court may order the DC Everest school district to provide to the court a list of all persons who are known to the school district to be dropouts and who reside within the jurisdiction of the Schofield-Weston Municipal Court.

Sec. 37-85. - Same—Allowing truancy.

Any parent, guardian or other adult who knowingly allows a child to absent the child's self from attendance at school without an acceptable excuse may be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00, plus costs nor more than \$100.00 plus costs for the first offense; and not less than \$100.00, plus costs nor more than \$250.00, plus costs for any subsequent offense within a one-year period.

Secs. 37-86—37-113. - Reserved.