

## CHAPTER 84

### PROHIBITING HABITUAL TRUANCY

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Wis. Stats. 59.07(105) the County Board of Supervisors of St. Croix County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

#### SECTION 1.

Prohibition of habitual truancy. A child is prohibited from being a habitual truant.

#### SECTION 2.

Definitions. For purposes of this Section:

- a. "habitual truant" shall mean a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for either of the following:
  - (1) Part or all of 5 or more days out of 10 consecutive days on which school is held during a semester.
  - (2) Part or all of 10 or more days on which school is held during a school semester.
- b. "acceptable excuse" shall mean an acceptable excuse as defined in Sections 118.15 and 118.16(4), Wisconsin Statutes.

#### SECTION 3.

Penalty. Upon finding that a child is a habitual truant, the Court or Commissioner shall enter an order making one or more of the following dispositions:

- a. Suspend the child's operating privilege, as defined in Section 340.01(4), Wisconsin statutes, for not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days. The judge shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it to the Department of Transportation of the State of Wisconsin, together with a notice stating the reason for the duration of the suspension.
- b. Order the child to participate in counseling, community service or a supervised work program under Section 48.34(9), Wisconsin Statutes.
- c. Order the child to remain at home except during the hours in which the child 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 child to leave his or her home if the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- d. Order the child to attend an educational program under Section 48.34(12), Wisconsin

Statutes.

**SECTION 4.**

Jurisdiction. Jurisdiction as to proceedings alleging a violation of this Ordinance shall be in the Circuit Courts of St. Croix County, unless the Judges of Circuit Court delegate the authority to hear and adjudicate such matters to the Juvenile Court Commissioner, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 48.065.

**SECTION 5.**

Other offenses. Nothing herein shall be construed to deprive the Courts of jurisdiction to hear actions arising under Wis. Stat. 947.16 or any municipal or county ordinance adopted in conformity with those Statutes or with 1987 Act 285.

**SECTION 6.**

Amendments. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications to Sections of Wisconsin Statutes referred to herein are intended to be made part of this Ordinance as such amendments, revisions or modifications are made to those Statutes.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its proper passage and publication pursuant to Wisconsin Law.

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