

2131           **SUBTITLE F. TRUANCY REDUCTION PROGRAMS**

2132           Sec. 5051. Short title.

2133           This subtitle may be cited as the “Truancy Reduction Programs Amendment Act of  
2134 2026”.

2135           Sec. 5052. Section 7 of Article II of An Act To provide for compulsory school  
2136 attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes,  
2137 effective September 19, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-17; D.C. Official Code § 38-208), is amended as  
2138 follows:

2139           (a) Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) are repealed.

2140           (b) A new subsection (c-3) is added to read as follows:

2141           “(c-3)(1) The Mayor may establish, and may require educational institutions to  
2142 participate in, truancy reduction programs administered by the Mayor.

2143           “(2) The Mayor shall identify educational institutions to participate in the truancy  
2144 reduction programs based on the truancy rate at the educational institutions and such other  
2145 factors as the Mayor deems appropriate.

2146           “(3) The Mayor shall notify each educational institution of their required  
2147 participation in a truancy reduction program for a school year at least 10 business days before the  
2148 educational institution’s first day of instruction for that school year.

2149           “(4) Each truancy reduction program shall include a requirement that an  
2150 educational institution participating in the program shall refer a student to the program after the  
2151 student accrues a number of unexcused absences specified by the Mayor as part of the  
2152 establishment and administration of the program.

2153                   “(5) Educational institutions participating in a truancy reduction program under  
2154 this section shall refer a student to the truancy reduction program as provided in paragraph (4) of  
2155 this subsection no later than 2 school days after the student accrues the number of unexcused  
2156 absences specified by the Mayor pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection.

2157                   “(6) An educational institution that refers a student to a truancy reduction program  
2158 under this subsection shall not be required to, and shall not, refer the student pursuant to  
2159 subsection (c) of this section, unless otherwise required by the Mayor.

2160                   “(7) For each truancy reduction program administered by the Mayor pursuant to  
2161 this section, the Mayor shall publish a report that:

2162                                 “(A) Describes the interventions and services provided through the  
2163 truancy reduction program;

2164                                 “(B) Provides the 5 most common reasons for unexcused absences for the  
2165 students referred to the truancy reduction program;

2166                                 “(C) Presents aggregate data on the 5 most common truancy intervention  
2167 services or programs that students referred to the truancy reduction program utilized;

2168                                 “(D) Provides an analysis that compares:

2169   “(i) The attendance outcomes, academic performance, and  
2170 delinquency status of students referred to the truancy reduction program to his or her attendance  
2171 outcomes, academic performance, and delinquency status during the same time period in the  
2172 prior school year; and

2173   “(ii) The attendance outcomes, academic performance, and  
2174 delinquency status of students referred to the truancy reduction program before and after referral  
2175 to the program during the school year in which the referral is made.”.

2176                   “(8) The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative  
2177 Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*),  
2178 may issue rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.”.