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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to public school interventions for truancy and eliminating
3	a criminal penalty and authorizing a civil penalty for truancy.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Article 45.0216(g), Code of Criminal Procedure,
6	is amended to read as follows:
7	(g) This article does not apply to any offense otherwise
8	covered by:
9	(1) Chapter 106, Alcoholic Beverage Code; or
10	(2) Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code[+ or
11	[(3) Section 25.094, Education Code].
12	SECTION 2. Articles 45.054(a) and (i), Code of Criminal
13	Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
14	(a) On a finding by a county, justice, or municipal court
15	that an individual has engaged in conduct that violates [committed
16	an offense under] Section 25.094, Education Code, the court has
17	jurisdiction to enter an order that includes one or more of the
18	following provisions requiring that:
19	(1) the individual:
20	(A) attend school without unexcused absences;
21	(B) attend a preparatory class for the high
22	school equivalency examination administered under Section 7.111,
23	Education Code, if the court determines that the individual is too
24	old to do well in a formal classroom environment; or

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- 1 (C) if the individual is at least 16 years of age,
- 2 take the high school equivalency examination administered under
- 3 Section 7.111, Education Code;
- 4 (2) the individual attend a special program that the
- 5 court determines to be in the best interest of the individual,
- 6 including:
- 7 (A) an alcohol and drug abuse program;
- 8 (B) a rehabilitation program;
- 9 (C) a counseling program, including
- 10 self-improvement counseling;
- 11 (D) a program that provides training in
- 12 self-esteem and leadership;
- 13 (E) a work and job skills training program;
- 14 (F) a program that provides training in
- 15 parenting, including parental responsibility;
- 16 (G) a program that provides training in manners;
- 17 (H) a program that provides training in violence
- 18 avoidance;
- 19 (I) a program that provides sensitivity
- 20 training; and
- 21 (J) a program that provides training in advocacy
- 22 and mentoring;
- 23 (3) the individual and the individual's parent attend
- 24 a class for students at risk of dropping out of school designed for
- 25 both the individual and the individual's parent;
- 26 (4) the individual complete reasonable community
- 27 service requirements; or

- 1 (5) for the total number of hours ordered by the court,
- 2 the individual participate in a tutorial program covering the
- 3 academic subjects in which the student is enrolled provided by the
- 4 school the individual attends.
- 5 (i) A county, justice, or municipal court shall dismiss the
- 6 complaint against an individual alleging that the individual <u>has</u>
- 7 <u>engaged in conduct that violates</u> [committed an offense under]
- 8 Section 25.094, Education Code, if:
- 9 (1) the court finds that the individual has
- 10 successfully complied with the conditions imposed on the individual
- 11 by the court under this article; or
- 12 (2) the individual presents to the court proof that
- 13 the individual has obtained a high school diploma or a high school
- 14 equivalency certificate.
- 15 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 45, Code of Criminal
- 16 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 45.0541 to read as follows:
- 17 Art. 45.0541. AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF TRUANCY RECORDS. (a)
- 18 In this article, "truancy offense" means an offense committed under
- 19 Section 25.094, Education Code.
- 20 (b) An individual who has been convicted of a truancy
- 21 offense or has had a complaint for a truancy offense dismissed is
- 22 entitled to have the conviction or complaint and records relating
- 23 to the conviction or complaint automatically expunded.
- 24 (c) The court in which the individual was convicted or a
- 25 complaint for a truancy offense was filed shall order the
- 26 conviction, complaints, verdicts, sentences, and other documents
- 27 relating to the offense, including any documents in the possession

- 1 of a school district or law enforcement agency, to be expunged from
- 2 the individual's record. After entry of the order, the individual
- 3 is released from all disabilities resulting from the conviction or
- 4 complaint, and the conviction or complaint may not be shown or made
- 5 known for any purpose. The court shall inform the individual of the
- 6 expunction.
- 7 SECTION 4. Article 102.014(d), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 8 is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (d) A person convicted of an offense under Section 25.093,
- 10 Education Code, or found to have engaged in conduct that violates
- 11 <u>Section</u> 25.094, Education Code, shall pay as taxable court costs
- 12 \$20 in addition to other taxable court costs. The additional court
- 13 costs under this subsection shall be collected in the same manner
- 14 that other fines and taxable court costs in the case are collected.
- SECTION 5. Sections 25.091(a) and (b), Education Code, are
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (a) A peace officer serving as an attendance officer has the
- 18 following powers and duties concerning enforcement of compulsory
- 19 school attendance requirements:
- 20 (1) to investigate each case of a violation of
- 21 compulsory school attendance requirements referred to the peace
- 22 officer;
- 23 (2) to enforce compulsory school attendance
- 24 requirements by:
- 25 (A) applying truancy prevention measures <u>and</u>, if
- 26 applicable, progressive truancy interventions adopted under
- 27 Section 25.0915 to the student; and

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1 (B) if the truancy prevention measures and, if
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- 2 applicable, progressive truancy interventions fail to meaningfully
- 3 address the student's conduct:
- 4 (i) referring the student to a juvenile
- 5 court or filing a complaint against the student in a county,
- 6 justice, or municipal court if the student has unexcused absences
- 7 for the amount of time specified under Section 25.094 or under
- 8 Section 51.03(b)(2), Family Code; or
- 9 (ii) filing a complaint in a county,
- 10 justice, or municipal court against a parent who violates Section
- 11 25.093;
- 12 (3) to serve court-ordered legal process;
- 13 (4) to review school attendance records for compliance
- 14 by each student investigated by the officer;
- 15 (5) to maintain an investigative record on each
- 16 compulsory school attendance requirement violation and related
- 17 court action and, at the request of a court, the board of trustees
- 18 of a school district, or the commissioner, to provide a record to
- 19 the individual or entity requesting the record;
- 20 (6) to make a home visit or otherwise contact the
- 21 parent of a student who is in violation of compulsory school
- 22 attendance requirements, except that a peace officer may not enter
- 23 a residence without the permission of the parent of a student
- 24 required under this subchapter to attend school or of the tenant or
- 25 owner of the residence except to lawfully serve court-ordered legal
- 26 process on the parent; and
- 27 (7) to take a student into custody with the permission

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- 1 of the student's parent or in obedience to a court-ordered legal
- 2 process.
- 3 (b) An attendance officer employed by a school district who
- 4 is not commissioned as a peace officer has the following powers and
- 5 duties with respect to enforcement of compulsory school attendance
- 6 requirements:
- 7 (1) to investigate each case of a violation of the
- 8 compulsory school attendance requirements referred to the
- 9 attendance officer;
- 10 (2) to enforce compulsory school attendance
- 11 requirements by:
- 12 (A) applying truancy prevention measures and, if
- 13 <u>applicable</u>, <u>progressive truancy interventions</u> adopted under
- 14 Section 25.0915 to the student; and
- 15 (B) if the truancy prevention measures <u>and</u>, if
- 16 applicable, progressive truancy interventions fail to meaningfully
- 17 address the student's conduct:
- 18 (i) referring the student to a juvenile
- 19 court or filing a complaint against the student in a county,
- 20 justice, or municipal court if the student has unexcused absences
- 21 for the amount of time specified under Section 25.094 or under
- 22 Section 51.03(b)(2), Family Code; and
- (ii) filing a complaint in a county,
- 24 justice, or municipal court against a parent who violates Section
- 25 25.093;
- 26 (3) to monitor school attendance compliance by each
- 27 student investigated by the officer;

- 1 (4) to maintain an investigative record on each
- 2 compulsory school attendance requirement violation and related
- 3 court action and, at the request of a court, the board of trustees
- 4 of a school district, or the commissioner, to provide a record to
- 5 the individual or entity requesting the record;
- 6 (5) to make a home visit or otherwise contact the
- 7 parent of a student who is in violation of compulsory school
- 8 attendance requirements, except that the attendance officer may not
- 9 enter a residence without permission of the parent or of the owner
- 10 or tenant of the residence;
- 11 (6) at the request of a parent, to escort a student
- 12 from any location to a school campus to ensure the student's
- 13 compliance with compulsory school attendance requirements; and
- 14 (7) if the attendance officer has or is informed of a
- 15 court-ordered legal process directing that a student be taken into
- 16 custody and the school district employing the officer does not
- 17 employ its own police department, to contact the sheriff,
- 18 constable, or any peace officer to request that the student be taken
- 19 into custody and processed according to the legal process.
- SECTION 6. The heading to Section 25.0915, Education Code,
- 21 is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 25.0915. TRUANCY PREVENTION MEASURES AND PROGRESSIVE
- 23 TRUANCY INTERVENTIONS; REFERRAL AND FILING REQUIREMENT.
- 24 SECTION 7. Sections 25.0915(a), (b), and (c), Education
- 25 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 26 (a) A school district shall adopt truancy prevention
- 27 measures and may adopt progressive truancy interventions for

- 1 students who violate compulsory attendance requirements that are
- 2 designed to:
- 3 (1) address student conduct related to truancy in the
- 4 school setting;
- 5 (2) minimize the need for referrals to juvenile court
- 6 for conduct described by Section 51.03(b)(2), Family Code; and
- 7 (3) minimize the filing of complaints in county,
- 8 justice, and municipal courts alleging a violation of Section
- 9 25.094.
- 10 (b) Each referral to juvenile court for conduct described by
- 11 Section 51.03(b)(2), Family Code, or complaint filed in county,
- 12 justice, or municipal court alleging a violation by a student of
- 13 Section 25.094 must:
- 14 (1) be accompanied by a statement from the student's
- 15 school certifying that:
- 16 (A) the school applied the truancy prevention
- 17 measures and, if applicable, the progressive truancy interventions
- 18 adopted under Subsection (a) to the student; and
- 19 (B) the truancy prevention measures and, if
- 20 applicable, the progressive truancy interventions failed to
- 21 meaningfully address the student's school attendance; and
- 22 (2) specify whether the student is eligible for or
- 23 receives special education services under Subchapter A, Chapter 29.
- (c) A court shall dismiss a complaint or referral made by a
- 25 school district under this section that is not made in compliance
- 26 with Subsection (b), does not satisfy the elements required for the
- 27 offense, is not timely filed, or is otherwise defective. A

- 1 dismissal under this section must be made before a hearing of the
- 2 complaint or referral is scheduled and without requiring the
- 3 presence of the defendant.
- 4 SECTION 8. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
- 5 amended by adding Section 25.0917 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 25.0917. PROGRESSIVE TRUANCY INTERVENTION SYSTEM. (a)
- 7 A system of progressive interventions for truancy adopted by a
- 8 <u>school district under Section 25.0915 must include at least three</u>
- 9 tiers of interventions.
- 10 (b) A school district may apply the first tier of
- 11 interventions to a student who has at least three unexcused
- 12 absences within a school year, and may apply successive tiers of
- 13 interventions to the student if the student continues to accumulate
- 14 unexcused absences following the application of the first tier
- 15 <u>consequences</u>.
- (c) The first tier of progressive truancy interventions
- 17 must include:
- 18 (1) a conference with the student, the student's
- 19 parent or guardian, and an employee of the school that the student
- 20 attends and regularly scheduled follow-up meetings to assess the
- 21 student's progress; and
- 22 (2) an attendance contract, signed by the attendees of
- 23 the conference under Subdivision (1), that includes:
- 24 (A) a description of the attendance expectations
- 25 that the school has for the student;
- 26 (B) the period for which the contract is in
- 27 effect, not to exceed 45 days following the date the contract is

- 1 signed; and
- 2 (C) a description of the consequences that may be
- 3 imposed on the student if the student accumulates additional
- 4 absences or commits school offenses, which may include additional
- 5 disciplinary actions or a referral to juvenile court.
- 6 (d) At least one of the tiers of truancy interventions after
- 7 the first tier must include an individualized assessment of the
- 8 student by a school employee that:
- 9 (1) identifies the reasons that the student has
- 10 accumulated unexcused absences;
- 11 (2) refers the student to counseling, if necessary;
- 12 and
- 13 (3) refers the student to any services, including
- 14 school-sponsored or community-based services, that focus on
- 15 <u>addressing the student's absences from school.</u>
- 16 <u>(e) The consequences imposed on a student who has</u>
- 17 accumulated additional unexcused absences following the
- 18 application of the first tier of progressive truancy intervention
- 19 consequences may include:
- 20 (1) school-based community service;
- 21 (2) participation in a school-based restorative
- 22 justice program;
- 23 (3) referral to a school-based teen court;
- 24 (4) weekend courses designed to improve attendance and
- 25 behavior;
- 26 (5) if the student is eligible for or is receiving
- 27 special education services under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, from a

- 1 school district, or is covered by Section 504, Rehabilitation Act
- 2 of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), a full reevaluation under Section
- 3 29.004 or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as
- 4 appropriate, or an assessment of the student's individualized
- 5 education program to address the causes of the student's unexcused
- 6 absences, as necessary; or
- 7 (6) if the student is not receiving special education
- 8 services from a school district, an initial evaluation for special
- 9 education services under Section 29.004 or under Section 504,
- 10 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), as appropriate.
- 11 SECTION 9. Section 25.094, Education Code, is amended by
- 12 amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d-1), (f), and (g) and adding
- 13 Subsections (e-1) and (e-2) to read as follows:
- 14 (a) An individual is liable to the state for a civil penalty
- 15 not to exceed \$100 [commits an offense] if the individual:
- 16 (1) is 12 years of age or older and younger than 18
- 17 years of age;
- 18 (2) is required to attend school under Section 25.085;
- 19 and
- 20 (3) fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts
- 21 of days within a six-month period in the same school year or on
- 22 three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period.
- 23 (b) An <u>action</u> [offense] under this section may be <u>brought</u>
- 24 [prosecuted] in:
- 25 (1) the constitutional county court of the county in
- 26 which the individual resides or in which the school is located, if
- 27 the county has a population of 1.75 million or more;

- 1 (2) a justice court of any precinct in the county in
- 2 which the individual resides or in which the school is located; or
- 3 (3) a municipal court in the municipality in which the
- 4 individual resides or in which the school is located.
- 5 (c) On a finding by the county, justice, or municipal court
- 6 [that the individual has committed an offense under Subsection (a)
- 7 or on a finding by a juvenile court in a county with a population of
- 8 less than 100,000] that the individual has engaged in conduct that
- 9 violates Subsection (a), the court may enter an order that includes
- 10 one or more of the requirements listed in Article 45.054, Code of
- 11 Criminal Procedure[, as added by Chapter 1514, Acts of the 77th
- 12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001].
- 13 (d-1) Pursuant to an order of the county, justice, or
- 14 municipal court based on an affidavit showing probable cause to
- 15 believe that an individual has <u>violated</u> [committed an offense
- 16 under] this section, a peace officer may issue a citation or take
- 17 the individual into custody. A peace officer taking an individual
- 18 into custody under this subsection shall:
- 19 (1) promptly notify the individual's parent, guardian,
- 20 or custodian of the officer's action and the reason for that action;
- 21 and
- 22 (2) without unnecessary delay:
- 23 (A) release the individual to the individual's
- 24 parent, guardian, or custodian or to another responsible adult, if
- 25 the person promises to bring the individual to the county, justice,
- 26 or municipal court as requested by the court; or
- 27 (B) bring the individual to a county, justice, or

- 1 municipal court with venue over the offense.
- 2 (e-1) The imposition of a civil penalty under this section
- 3 is not a conviction and may not be considered a conviction for any
- 4 purpose.
- 5 (e-2) The district or county attorney of the county in which
- 6 the conduct described by this section is alleged to have occurred
- 7 shall bring an action in a county, justice, or municipal court to
- 8 collect the civil penalty of a person who is taken into custody or
- 9 is issued a citation for a violation under this section.
- (f) It is \underline{a} [an affirmative] defense [to prosecution] under
- 11 this section that one or more of the absences required to be proven
- 12 under Subsection (a) were excused by a school official or by the
- 13 court or that one or more of the absences were involuntary, but only
- 14 if there is an insufficient number of unexcused or voluntary
- 15 absences remaining to constitute an offense under this section. The
- 16 burden is on the <u>respondent</u> [defendant] to show by a preponderance
- 17 of the evidence that the absence has been excused or that the
- 18 absence was involuntary. A decision by the court to excuse an
- 19 absence for purposes of this section does not affect the ability of
- 20 the school district to determine whether to excuse the absence for
- 21 another purpose.
- 22 (g) It is a [an affirmative] defense [to prosecution] under
- 23 this section that one or more of the absences required to be proven
- 24 under Subsection (a) was involuntary. The burden is on the
- 25 respondent [defendant] to show by a preponderance of the evidence
- 26 that the absence was involuntary.
- 27 SECTION 10. Sections 25.095(a) and (c), Education Code, are

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
- 3 shall notify a student's parent in writing at the beginning of the
- 4 school year that if the student is absent from school on 10 or more
- 5 days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school
- 6 year or on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week
- 7 period:
- 8 (1) the student's parent is subject to prosecution
- 9 under Section 25.093; and
- 10 (2) the student is subject to <u>an action brought</u>
- 11 [prosecution] under Section 25.094 or to referral to a juvenile
- 12 court [in a county with a population of less than 100,000] for
- 13 conduct <u>indicating</u> a need for supervision [that violates that
- 14 section].
- 15 (c) The fact that a parent did not receive a notice under
- 16 Subsection (a) or (b) does not create a defense to prosecution under
- 17 Section 25.093, a defense to an action brought under Section [or]
- 18 25.094, or a defense in a disposition hearing on an issue as to
- 19 whether the child engaged in conduct indicating a need for
- 20 supervision.
- SECTION 11. Sections 25.0951(a) and (b), Education Code,
- 22 are amended to read as follows:
- 23 (a) If a student fails to attend school without excuse on 10
- 24 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same
- 25 school year, a school district may [shall] within 10 school days of
- 26 the student's most recent [10th] absence:
- 27 (1) file a complaint against the [student or the]

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- 1 student's parent [or both] in a county, justice, or municipal court
- 2 for an offense under Section 25.093, bring an action in a county,
- 3 justice, or municipal court for conduct that violates Section [or]
- 4 25.094, [as appropriate,] or refer the student to a juvenile court
- 5 for a determination as to whether the child engaged in conduct
- 6 <u>indicating a need for supervision</u> [in a county with a population of
- 7 less than 100,000 for conduct that violates Section 25.094]; or
- 8 (2) refer the student to a juvenile court for conduct
- 9 indicating a need for supervision under Section 51.03(b)(2), Family
- 10 Code.
- 11 (b) If a student fails to attend school without excuse on
- 12 three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period but
- 13 does not fail to attend school for the time described by Subsection
- 14 (a), the school district may:
- 15 (1) file a complaint against the [student or the]
- 16 student's parent [or both] in a county, justice, or municipal court
- 17 for an offense under Section 25.093, bring an action in a county,
- 18 justice, or municipal court for conduct that violates Section [or]
- 19 25.094, [as appropriate,] or refer the student to a juvenile court
- 20 for a determination as to whether the child engaged in conduct
- 21 <u>indicating a need for supervision</u> [in a county with a population of
- 22 less than 100,000 for conduct that violates Section 25.094]; or
- 23 (2) refer the student to a juvenile court for conduct
- 24 indicating a need for supervision under Section 51.03(b)(2), Family
- 25 Code.
- SECTION 12. Section 51.02(15), Family Code, is amended to
- 27 read as follows:

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- 1 (15) "Status offender" means a child who is accused,
- 2 adjudicated, or convicted for conduct that would not, under state
- 3 law, be a crime if committed by an adult, including:
- 4 (A) truancy under Section 51.03(b)(2);
- 5 (B) running away from home under Section
- 6 51.03(b)(3);
- 7 (C) a fineable only offense under Section
- 8 51.03(b)(1) transferred to the juvenile court under Section
- 9 51.08(b), but only if the conduct constituting the offense would
- 10 not have been criminal if engaged in by an adult;
- 11 (D) [failure to attend school under Section
- 12 25.094, Education Code;
- [(E)] a violation of standards of student conduct
- 14 as described by Section 51.03(b)(5);
- 15 $\underline{\text{(E)}}$ [\(\frac{\(\mathbf{F}\)}{\(\mathbf{F}\)}\)] a violation of a juvenile curfew
- 16 ordinance or order;
- (F) $[\frac{G}{G}]$ a violation of a provision of the
- 18 Alcoholic Beverage Code applicable to minors only; or
- (G) $[\frac{\text{(H)}}{\text{)}}$ a violation of any other fineable only
- 20 offense under Section 8.07(a)(4) or (5), Penal Code, but only if the
- 21 conduct constituting the offense would not have been criminal if
- 22 engaged in by an adult.
- 23 SECTION 13. Sections 54.021(b), (c), (d), and (e), Family
- 24 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 25 (b) A county, justice, or municipal court may exercise
- 26 jurisdiction over a person alleged to have engaged in conduct
- 27 indicating a need for supervision by engaging in conduct described

- 1 in Section 51.03(b)(2) in a case where:
- 2 (1) the person is 12 years of age or older;
- 3 (2) the juvenile court has waived its original
- 4 jurisdiction under this section; and
- 5 (3) an action [a complaint] is filed by the
- 6 appropriate authority in the county, justice, or municipal court
- 7 for a violation [charging an offense] under Section 25.094,
- 8 Education Code.
- 9 (c) A proceeding in a county, justice, or municipal court on
- 10 a complaint charging <u>conduct that violates</u> [an offense under]
- 11 Section 25.094, Education Code, is governed by Chapter 45, Code of
- 12 Criminal Procedure.
- 13 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, the costs assessed in a
- 14 case filed in or transferred to a constitutional county court for an
- 15 offense under Section 25.093, Education Code, or for conduct that
- 16 violates Section 25.094, Education Code, must be the same as the
- 17 costs assessed for a case filed in a justice court for an offense
- 18 under Section 25.093, Education Code, or for conduct that violates
- 19 Section 25.094, Education Code.
- 20 (e) The proceedings before a constitutional county court
- 21 related to an offense under Section 25.093, Education Code, or
- 22 conduct that violates Section 25.094, Education Code, may be
- 23 recorded in any manner provided by Section 30.00010, Government
- 24 Code, for recording proceedings in a municipal court of record.
- 25 SECTION 14. Section 54.1955, Government Code, is amended to
- 26 read as follows:
- Sec. 54.1955. POWERS. (a) Except as limited by an order of

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    the county judge, a magistrate appointed under this subchapter may:
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                     conduct hearings;
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                     issue summons for the appearance of witnesses;
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                     examine witnesses;
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                     swear witnesses for hearings;
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                     recommend rulings or orders or a judgment in a
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    case;
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                (7)
                     regulate proceedings in a hearing;
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                (8)
                     accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in a
   case alleging a violation of Section 25.093 [or 25.094], Education
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   Code, and assess a fine or court costs or order community service in
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    satisfaction of a fine or costs in accordance with Article 45.049,
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   Code of Criminal Procedure;
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                    enter an order suspending a sentence or deferring
   a final disposition that includes at least one of the requirements
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    listed in Article 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure;
                     perform any act and take any measure necessary
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   and proper for the efficient performance of the duties required by
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   the referral order, including the entry of an order that includes at
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(b) With respect to an issue of law or fact the ruling on

authorized by Article 45.050, Code of Criminal Procedure.

least one of the requirements in Article 45.054, Code of Criminal

Article 45.058, Code of Criminal Procedure, has violated an order

under Article 45.054, Code of Criminal Procedure, proceed as

if the magistrate finds that a child as defined by

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- 1 which could result in the dismissal of a prosecution under Section
- 2 25.093, Education Code, or an action brought under Section 25.094,
- 3 Education Code, a magistrate may not rule on the issue but may make
- 4 findings, conclusions, and recommendations on the issue.
- 5 SECTION 15. Section 71.0352, Government Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 71.0352. JUVENILE DATE: JUSTICE, MUNICIPAL, AND
- 8 JUVENILE COURTS. As a component of the official monthly report
- 9 submitted to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
- 10 Judicial System:
- 11 (1) justice and municipal courts shall report the
- 12 number of cases filed for the following [offenses]:
- 13 (A) failure to attend school under Section
- 14 25.094, Education Code;
- 15 (B) parent contributing to nonattendance under
- 16 Section 25.093, Education Code; and
- 17 (C) violation of a local daytime curfew ordinance
- 18 adopted under Section 341.905 or 351.903, Local Government Code;
- 19 and
- 20 (2) in cases in which a child fails to obey an order of
- 21 a justice or municipal court under circumstances that would
- 22 constitute contempt of court, the justice or municipal court shall
- 23 report the number of incidents in which the child is:
- (A) referred to the appropriate juvenile court
- 25 for delinquent conduct as provided by Article 45.050(c)(1), Code of
- 26 Criminal Procedure, and Section 51.03(a)(2), Family Code; or
- 27 (B) held in contempt, fined, or denied driving

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- 1 privileges as provided by Article 45.050(c)(2), Code of Criminal
- 2 Procedure.
- 3 SECTION 16. Section 103.021, Government Code, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 103.021. ADDITIONAL FEES AND COSTS IN CRIMINAL OR
- 6 CIVIL CASES: CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. An accused or
- 7 defendant, or a party to a civil suit, as applicable, shall pay the
- 8 following fees and costs under the Code of Criminal Procedure if
- 9 ordered by the court or otherwise required:
- 10 (1) a personal bond fee (Art. 17.42, Code of Criminal
- 11 Procedure) . . . the greater of \$20 or three percent of the amount
- 12 of the bail fixed for the accused;
- 13 (2) cost of electronic monitoring as a condition of
- 14 release on personal bond (Art. 17.43, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- 15 . . . actual cost;
- 16 (3) a fee for verification of and monitoring of motor
- 17 vehicle ignition interlock (Art. 17.441, Code of Criminal
- 18 Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$10;
- 19 (3-a) costs associated with operating a global
- 20 positioning monitoring system as a condition of release on bond
- 21 (Art. 17.49(b)(2), Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . actual costs,
- 22 subject to a determination of indigency;
- 23 (3-b) costs associated with providing a defendant's
- 24 victim with an electronic receptor device as a condition of the
- 25 defendant's release on bond (Art. 17.49(b)(3), Code of Criminal
- 26 Procedure) . . . actual costs, subject to a determination of
- 27 indigency;

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- 1 (4) repayment of reward paid by a crime stoppers
- 2 organization on conviction of a felony (Art. 37.073, Code of
- 3 Criminal Procedure) . . . amount ordered;
- 4 (5) reimbursement to general revenue fund for payments
- 5 made to victim of an offense as condition of community supervision
- 6 (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50 for
- 7 a misdemeanor offense or \$100 for a felony offense;
- 8 (6) payment to a crime stoppers organization as
- 9 condition of community supervision (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal
- 10 Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50;
- 11 (7) children's advocacy center fee (Art. 42.12, Code
- 12 of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50;
- 13 (8) family violence center fee (Art. 42.12, Code of
- 14 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$100;
- 15 (9) community supervision fee (Art. 42.12, Code of
- 16 Criminal Procedure) . . . not less than \$25 or more than \$60 per
- 17 month;
- 18 (10) additional community supervision fee for certain
- 19 offenses (Art. 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$5 per
- 20 month;
- 21 (11) for certain financially able sex offenders as a
- 22 condition of community supervision, the costs of treatment,
- 23 specialized supervision, or rehabilitation (Art. 42.12, Code of
- 24 Criminal Procedure) . . . all or part of the reasonable and
- 25 necessary costs of the treatment, supervision, or rehabilitation as
- 26 determined by the judge;
- 27 (12) fee for failure to appear for trial in a justice

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- 1 or municipal court if a jury trial is not waived (Art. 45.026, Code
- 2 of Criminal Procedure) . . . costs incurred for impaneling the
- 3 jury;
- 4 (13) costs of certain testing, assessments, or
- 5 programs during a deferral period (Art. 45.051, Code of Criminal
- 6 Procedure) . . . amount ordered;
- 7 (14) special expense on dismissal of certain
- 8 misdemeanor complaints (Art. 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- 9 . . . not to exceed amount of fine assessed;
- 10 (15) an additional fee:
- 11 (A) for a copy of the defendant's driving record
- 12 to be requested from the Department of Public Safety by the judge
- 13 (Art. 45.0511(c-1), Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . amount equal
- 14 to the sum of the fee established by Section 521.048,
- 15 Transportation Code, and the state electronic Internet portal fee;
- 16 (B) as an administrative fee for requesting a
- 17 driving safety course or a course under the motorcycle operator
- 18 training and safety program for certain traffic offenses to cover
- 19 the cost of administering the article (Art. 45.0511(f)(1), Code of
- 20 Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$10; or
- (C) for requesting a driving safety course or a
- 22 course under the motorcycle operator training and safety program
- 23 before the final disposition of the case (Art. 45.0511(f)(2), Code
- 24 of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed the maximum amount of the
- 25 fine for the offense committed by the defendant;
- 26 (16) a request fee for teen court program (Art.
- 27 45.052, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$20, if the court

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- 1 ordering the fee is located in the Texas-Louisiana border region,
- 2 but otherwise not to exceed \$10;
- 3 (17) a fee to cover costs of required duties of teen
- 4 court (Art. 45.052, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$20, if the
- 5 court ordering the fee is located in the Texas-Louisiana border
- 6 region, but otherwise \$10;
- 7 (18) a mileage fee for officer performing certain
- 8 services (Art. 102.001, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.15 per
- 9 mile;
- 10 (19) certified mailing of notice of hearing date (Art.
- 11 102.006, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$1, plus postage;
- 12 (20) certified mailing of certified copies of an order
- 13 of expunction (Art. 102.006, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$2,
- 14 plus postage;
- 15 (20-a) a fee to defray the cost of notifying state
- 16 agencies of orders of expungement (Art. 45.0216, Code of Criminal
- 17 Procedure) . . . \$30 per application;
- 18 [(20-b) a fee to defray the cost of notifying state
- 19 agencies of orders of expunction (Art. 45.055, Code of Criminal
- 20 Procedure) . . . \$30 per application;
- 21 (21) sight orders:
- 22 (A) if the face amount of the check or sight order
- 23 does not exceed \$10 (Art. 102.007, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- 24 . . not to exceed \$10;
- 25 (B) if the face amount of the check or sight order
- 26 is greater than \$10 but does not exceed \$100 (Art. 102.007, Code of
- 27 Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$15;

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- 1 (C) if the face amount of the check or sight order
- 2 is greater than \$100 but does not exceed \$300 (Art. 102.007, Code of
- 3 Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$30;
- 4 (D) if the face amount of the check or sight order
- 5 is greater than \$300 but does not exceed \$500 (Art. 102.007, Code of
- 6 Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$50; and
- 7 (E) if the face amount of the check or sight order
- 8 is greater than \$500 (Art. 102.007, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- 9 . . . not to exceed \$75;
- 10 (22) fees for a pretrial intervention program:
- 11 (A) a supervision fee (Art. 102.012(a), Code of
- 12 Criminal Procedure) . . . \$60 a month plus expenses; and
- 13 (B) a district attorney, criminal district
- 14 attorney, or county attorney administrative fee (Art. 102.0121,
- 15 Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$500;
- 16 (23) parking fee violations for child safety fund in
- 17 municipalities with populations:
- 18 (A) greater than 850,000 (Art. 102.014, Code of
- 19 Criminal Procedure) . . . not less than \$2 and not to exceed \$5; and
- 20 (B) less than 850,000 (Art. 102.014, Code of
- 21 Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- 22 (24) an administrative fee for collection of fines,
- 23 fees, restitution, or other costs (Art. 102.072, Code of Criminal
- 24 Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$2 for each transaction; and
- 25 (25) a collection fee, if authorized by the
- 26 commissioners court of a county or the governing body of a
- 27 municipality, for certain debts and accounts receivable, including

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- 1 unpaid fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, and restitution
- 2 ordered paid (Art. 103.0031, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . 30
- 3 percent of an amount more than 60 days past due.
- 4 SECTION 17. The following provisions are repealed:
- 5 (1) Article 45.055, Code of Criminal Procedure; and
- 6 (2) Section 25.094(e), Education Code.
- 7 SECTION 18. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
- 8 person taken into custody or issued a citation on or after the
- 9 effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the conduct for
- 10 which the person was taken into custody or issued a citation
- 11 occurred before, on, or after that date.
- 12 SECTION 19. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.