

CHAPTER 51

[Engrossed House Bill No. 1037]

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE--

EXEMPTION BY REASON OF ATTENDING RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

AN ACT Relating to compulsory school attendance; excepting children attending state residential schools therefrom; amending section 28A.27.010, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 109, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.27.010.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 28A.27.010, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 109, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.27.010 are each amended to read as follows:

All parents, guardians and other persons in this state having custody of any child eight years of age and under fifteen years of age, or of any child fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age not regularly and lawfully engaged in some useful and remunerative occupation or attending a residential school operated by the division of institutions of the department of social and health services or attending part time school in accordance with the provisions of chapter 28A.28 RCW or excused from school attendance thereunder, shall cause such child to attend the public school of the district in which the child resides for the full time when such school may be in session or to attend a private school for the same time, unless the school district superintendent of the district in which the child resides shall have excused such child from such attendance because the child is physically or mentally unable to attend school or has already attained a reasonable proficiency in the branches required by law to be taught in the first nine grades of the public schools of this state. Proof of absence from any public or private school shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. Private school for the purposes of this section shall be one approved or accredited under regulations established by the state board of education.

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