

710.5 Child stealing.

A person commits a class "C" felony when, knowing that the person has no authority to do so, the person forcibly or fraudulently takes, decoys, or entices away any child with intent to detain or conceal such child from its parents or guardian, or other persons or institution having the lawful custody of such child, unless the person is a relative of such child, and the person's sole purpose is to assume custody of such child.

[S13, § 254-a46; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **12982**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, § 706.2; C79, 81, § 710.5]