

**299.8 “Truant” defined.**

Any child of compulsory attendance age who fails to attend school as provided in [this chapter](#), or as required by the school board’s or school governing body’s attendance policy, or who fails to attend competent private instruction or independent private instruction under [chapter 299A](#), without reasonable excuse for the absence, shall be deemed to be a truant. A finding that a child is truant, however, shall not by itself mean that the child is a child in need of assistance within the meaning of [chapter 232](#) and shall not be the sole basis for a child in need of assistance petition.

[S13, §2823-e; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §4417; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §299.8]

[91 Acts, ch 200, §11; 2013 Acts, ch 121, §94](#)

Referred to in [§299.5A](#)