

**299.8 “Truant” defined.**

Any child of compulsory attendance age, to whom the exceptions described in [section 299.1, subsection 4](#), paragraph “b”, or [section 299.2](#) do not apply, who has been absent from school, for any reason, for at least twenty percent of the days or hours in the grading period, 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, §~~44~~**17**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §299.8]

[91 Acts, ch 200, §11](#); [2013 Acts, ch 121, §94](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1152, §17](#)

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