

**710.8 Harboring a runaway child prohibited — penalty.**

1. As used in [this section](#) and [section 710.9](#) unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. “*Criminal act*” means the violation of any federal or state law.
  - b. “*Harbor*” means to provide aid, support, or shelter.
  - c. “*Runaway child*” means a person under eighteen years of age who is voluntarily absent from the person’s home without the consent of the person’s parent, guardian, or custodian.
2. A person shall not harbor a runaway child with the intent of committing a criminal act involving the child or with the intent of enticing or forcing the runaway child to commit a criminal act.
3. A person shall not harbor a runaway child with the intent of allowing the runaway child to remain away from home against the wishes of the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian. However, the provisions of [this subsection](#) do not apply to a shelter care home which is licensed or approved by the department of human services.
4. A person convicted of a violation of [this section](#) is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.  
[85 Acts, ch 183, §1; 96 Acts, ch 1219, §75](#)  
Referred to in [§710.9](#)