

SB's 103-106
Legislation to enact a standard Truancy definition

- Michigan currently does not have a standard definition for chronic absenteeism or truancy.
- A child is often absent from school because of internal and external barriers. SB's 103-106 provide a basis to address what actually causes children to miss school in the first place and create a path for early intervention.
- Students who miss school are more likely to struggle academically and eventually to drop out of school altogether.

Support of SB's 103-106
February 28th House Judiciary Committee Hearing

Ron Simon, representing the Montcalm Intermediate School District.

Jason Smith, representing the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Tom Clement, representing the State Court Administrative Office.

Melinda Fandel, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Erika Engel, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan School-Justice Partnership.

Paul Liabenow, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal's Association.

Jeff Mills, representing the Van Buren Intermediate School District.

The Honorable Doreen S. Allen, Presiding Probate & Juvenile Court Judge
Midland County

The Honorable Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Presiding Family Division Judge,
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