EDUCATION (TRUANCY) AMENDMENT ACT 1993

No. 60 of 1993

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An Act to amend the Education Act 1972.

[Assented to 27 May 1993]

The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Short title

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Education (Truancy) Amendment Act 1993.

(2) The Education Act 1972 is referred to in this Act as “the principal Act”.

Commencement

2. This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Substitution of s. 79

3. Section 79 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

Attendance at school

79. Authorized officers must take all practicable action to ensure attendance at school by children of compulsory school age.

Amendment of s. 80—Powers in relation to suspected truancy

4. Section 80 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2a) the following subsection:
(2b) If it appears to an authorized officer who is a member of the police force, after enquiring into the child's reasons for not being at school, that the child does not have a proper reason for being absent from school, the authorized officer may take the child into his or her custody and return the child—

(a) to someone in authority at the school; or

(b) to a parent or guardian of the child.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

ROMA MITCHELL Governor