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- A. It shall be unlawful for a parent or a person in loco parentis to knowingly permit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to commit an act of truancy or acts of excessive absenteeism as defined in Section 9.54.020.
- B. A parent or person in loco parentis shall be considered to have knowingly permitted a minor under Section 9.54.020 to commit an act of truancy as defined in said Section when the parent or person in loco parentis knows that said minor absents himself or herself from attendance at school without valid cause and the parent in loco parentis fails to act to insure that the minor attends the school in which he or she is enrolled.
- C. A parent or person in loco parentis shall be considered to have knowingly permitted a minor under Section 9.54.020 to commit the offense of excessive absenteeism as defined above when the parent or person in loco parentis provides a written or oral excuse for the minor's non-attendance which is false or does not amount to valid cause.
- D. A parent or person in loco parentis found guilty under this Section for the first time in any one school year shall be fined not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. A parent or person in loco parentis found guilty under this Section for the second time in any one school year shall be fined not less than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. A parent or person in loco parentis found guilty under this Section for the third time in any one school year shall be fined not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. A parent or person in loco parentis found guilty under this Section more than three times in any one school year shall be fined not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each subsequent conviction.

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