



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 82**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** Williams and Lehner, Thomas, Yuko, Skindell, Brown, Tavares

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires each public school to place a telephone call within 60 minutes of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Telephone call regarding unexcused absence**

The bill prescribes a procedure for schools to notify parents on a daily basis when their children do not show up for school. Under the bill, within 60 minutes after the start of each school day, the attendance officer, attendance officer's assistant, or other person designated to take attendance for each school building must attempt at least once to telephone the parent, guardian, or other person having care of any student who was absent without legitimate excuse at the beginning of that school day. If the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the student notifies the school administration of the student's excused or unexcused absence within that 60-minute period, the school is under no further obligation to place a call. The bill's provisions specifically apply to all school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Policy regarding notification of absence within a reasonable time**

A separate provision of current law requires each school district board to adopt a written policy that requires notification of a student's parent, residential parent and legal custodian, guardian, or legal custodian or any other person responsible for the student within a reasonable time after the determination that the student is absent from

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3314.03, 3321.141, 3326.11, and 3328.24.

school. Under that law, a student's parent must provide the school a current address and a telephone number at which the parent can receive notice that the student is absent from school.

The bill makes this current "reasonable time" requirement subject to the bill's requirement to place a call within 60 minutes of the start of the school day for an unexcused absence.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3313.205 and 3321.141.

