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Overview

This act extends juvenile court jurisdiction over habitual truants until the child's 18th birthday instead of the child's 17th birthday.

Section

- 1 Termination of jurisdiction.** This act extends the court's jurisdiction in cases involving a child in need of protection or services due to the child's status as a habitual truant until the child's 18th birthday.
- 2 Effective date.** The day following final enactment [**May 14, 1999**].

This change in jurisdiction is consistent with changes made to the definition of "habitual truant" by the 1998 Legislature. In 1998, the Legislature amended the definition of "habitual truant" in the juvenile code to include a child who is 16 or 17 years of age who is absent from attendance at school without lawful excuse for one or more class periods on seven school days and who has not lawfully withdrawn from school through the procedures provided for in law.