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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1984

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Com. Sub. for  
HOUSE BILL No. 1157

(By Mr. Del. Steptoe & Del. Williams)

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Passed ..... March 9, ..... 1984

In Effect ..... Ninety Days From ..... Passage



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**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**  
**FOR**

**H. B. 1157**

(By DELEGATE STEPTOE and DELEGATE WILLIAMS)

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[Passed March 9, 1984; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article seven, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to contributing to the delinquency or neglect of a child; clarifying that the provisions of said section apply in the case of certain status offenses; and providing for penalties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section seven, article seven, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

**§49-7-7. Contributing to delinquency or neglect of a child.**

1     A person who by any act or omission contributes to,  
2 encourages or tends to cause the delinquency or neglect of  
3 any child, including, but not limited to, aiding or encouraging  
4 any such child to habitually or continually refuse to re-  
5 spond, without just cause, to the lawful supervision of such  
6 child's parents, guardian or custodian or to be habitually  
7 absent from school without just cause, shall be guilty of a  
8 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined

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9 not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county  
10 jail for a period not exceeding one year, or both such fine  
11 and imprisonment.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

  
Chairman Senate Committee

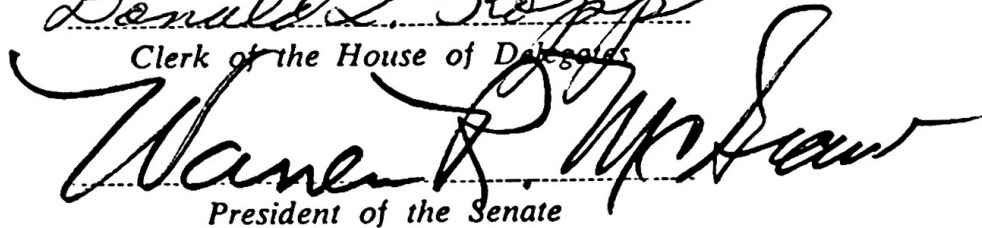
  
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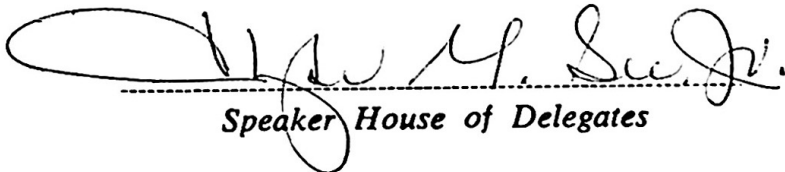
Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

  
Clerk of the Senate

  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30  
day of March, 1984.

  
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