WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1984

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ENROLLED

Com. Rule 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
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
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.

James I. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Donald Amello
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.
Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Seth C. Wells
Clerk of the Senate

Donald J. Stopp
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Warren L. McRae
President of the Senate

W. L. Smitherman
Speaker House of Delegates

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

John J. Radcliffe
Governor