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**AB-461 Truancy.** (2025-2026)

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**Assembly Bill No. 461**

**CHAPTER 154**

An act to repeal Section 270.1 of the Penal Code, relating to truancy.

[ Approved by Governor October 01, 2025. Filed with Secretary of State October 01, 2025. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 461, Ahrens. Truancy.

Existing law, the Compulsory Education Law, generally makes persons between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age subject to compulsory full-time education, unless exempted.

Existing law makes a parent or guardian of a pupil of 6 years of age or more who is in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and subject to compulsory full-time or continuing education, whose child is a chronic truant, as defined, who has failed to reasonably supervise and encourage the pupil's school attendance, and who has been offered support services to address the pupil's truancy, guilty of a misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, or imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year, or both that fine and imprisonment.

This bill would repeal that criminal offense.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the More Help Not Less Act of 2025.

**SEC. 2.** Section 270.1 of the Penal Code is repealed.