



ENACTMENT SUMMARY

House Bill 455 **Education Omnibus/Truancy Reform** Effective October 9, 2026

On July 10, 2026, Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 455 (Rep. Bird & Rep. Manning), which makes numerous changes to education law including the following:

- Amends R.C. 2151.354 to grant the juvenile court the discretion to maintain jurisdiction over a child who has been adjudicated a habitual truant during the subsequent school year for the purpose of monitoring the child's attendance.
- Amends R.C. 2919.24, the contributing to delinquency or unruliness statute, to clarify that a delinquency or unruliness adjudication of the child are not prerequisites to a conviction of the contributor pursuant to the statute.

These provisions were the Juvenile Law & Procedure Committee's Truancy Reform proposal on the OJC's Legislative Platform. A prior version of this bill included a Franklin County truancy court pilot program. That provision was removed before enactment.