

Reporting Truancy Cases on the Monthly Court Activity Reports

Justice and Municipal Courts

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House Bill 2398

- Effective September 1, 2015
- Replaces the criminal offense of **Failure to Attend School** with a civil offense of **Truant Conduct**



Changes to Monthly Reports

<h2>Current Reporting</h2>	<h2>September 2015 Report</h2>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juvenile Section<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line 6 – Failure to Attend School Cases Filed <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal Section<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Cases Filed under Non-Traffic Misdemeanors – Other State Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juvenile Section<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line 6 – Truancy Cases Filed (<i>label change</i>) <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Will not be</u> reported in Civil Section at this time



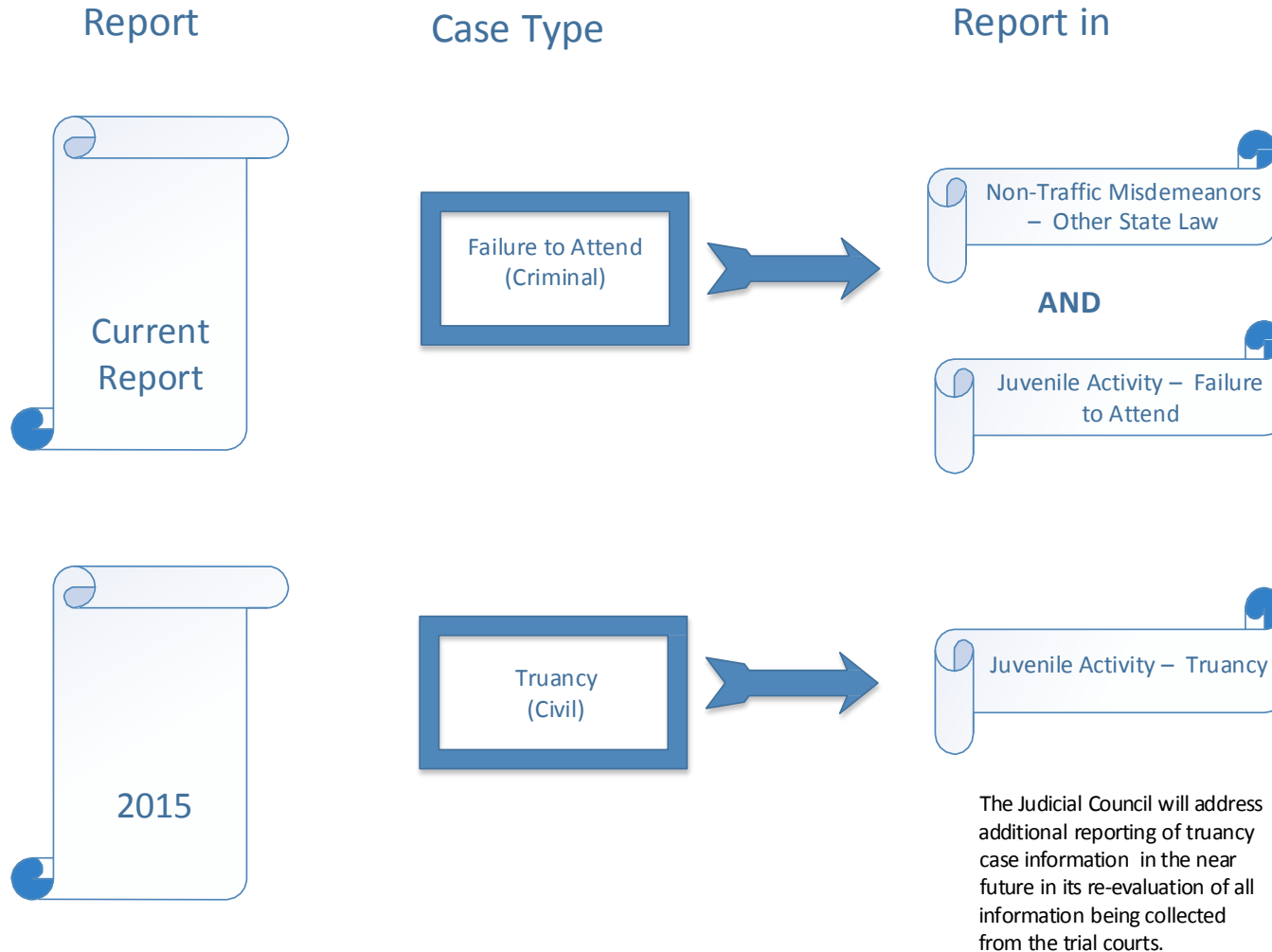
Future Truancy Case Reporting

- ❑ Additional reporting of truancy case information will be addressed in the near future
- ❑ Judicial Council will re-evaluate all information being collected from trial courts on the monthly reports



Changes to Justice and Municipal Court Monthly Activity Reports In Response to Truancy Reform Bill (HB 2398)

Effective with the Report for September 2015



Reporting Old Failure to Attend Cases

- ❑ Failure to attend case filed prior to Sept. 1, 2015:
 - ❑ Continue to be counted as pending under Other State Law
 - ❑ Should be reported under appropriate disposition category when case disposed





Questions

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