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■ SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAWS

TERMS: With few exceptions, the parent or guardian of any child between 6 and 18 years of age who is not employed under an age and schooling certificate must send the child to a school that meets minimum state standards, for the full time the school is in session.

During the regular school term, an age and schooling certificate may be issued only to a child over the age of 16 who has completed certain educational or vocational requirements.

These provisions apply even if the child's stay in Ohio is seasonal, the parent is a resident of another state, or the child has attended school for the legal period in another state.

ENFORCEMENT: The school attendance requirement is enforced by the local school boards, through attendance officers employed for that purpose.