

Education Act, 1983

Section 17 - Attendance Orders

(1) Wherever the attendance authority has reason to believe that the parent of the child has failed to cause the child to attend an approved school and that there is no reasonable excuse for the non-attendance of the child within the meaning of section 15, it shall hold an inquiry in the prescribed manner.

(2) If, as a result of the inquiry, the attendance authority is satisfied that the child is liable to attend an approved school under this Act, and that there is no reasonable excuse for the non-attendance of the child within the meaning of section 15, it shall pass an attendance order in the prescribed form, directing the person to cause the child to attend the approved school with effect from the date specified in the order.

(3) An attendance order passed against a parent in respect of his child under this section shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (6), remain in force for so long as this Act continues to apply to the child.

(4) If any parent against whom an attendance order has been passed in respect of his child under sub-section (2), transfers the custody of the child to any other person during the period in which the attendance order is in force, such parent shall be bound immediately to inform the attendance authority in writing of such transfer.

(5) Where the attendance order has been passed against a parent in relation to his child under this section, such order shall have effect in relation to any other person to whom the custody of the child may be transferred during the period in which the attendance order is in force, as it has effect in relation to the person against whom it was originally passed.

(6) A parent may, at any time, apply to the attendance authority for cancellation of the attendance order on the ground,-

(a) that he is no longer the guardian or the person in actual custody of the child; or

(b) that circumstances have arisen which provide a reasonable excuse for non-attendance;

and thereupon, the attendance authority may, after holding an enquiry in the prescribed manner cancel or modify the attendance order.
