In 2015, the Texas Legislature amended the State’s truancy law to raise the ceiling for compulsory student attendance from age 17 to age 18. Thus, effective 9/1/2015, students ages 6-18 are required to attend school. At the same time, the Legislature removed criminal liability for student truancy (defined as ten or more absences in a six-month period), but parents who contribute to student truancy may still be found criminally liable. Instead of being jailed, truant students may be ordered by a court to participate in mandatory counseling or tutoring, among other things.