

## Warnings may be issued on parents of unattended kids

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A bill that cleared the House this week would give parents a warning if they left a child 8-years-old or younger in an unattended car.

Sponsored by Rep. Alice Underhill of Craven, the measure would only grant a warning on the first offense. A repeat offense would be a misdemeanor. The court also may allow the violator to complete a community education program instead of being penalized.

The measure would only apply in cases where the child is not in the immediate proximity or sightline of a parent.