THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2651 Session of 1998

INTRODUCED BY CASORIO, M. COHEN, GIGLIOTTI, TANGRETTI, OLASZ, PISTELLA, WOJNAROSKI, MELIO, HARHAI, M. N. WRIGHT, ARGALL, TIGUE, STABACK, HALUSKA, DALEY, LEDERER, PLATTS, YEWCIC, STERN, CORRIGAN, ROBINSON, McCALL, SEYFERT, WALKO, RAMOS, CORPORA, CIVERA, STEELMAN, THOMAS AND WASHINGTON, JUNE 2, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 2, 1998

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
- 3 parental participation in juvenile proceedings.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 6310(b) and (d) of Title 42 of the
- 7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- 8 § 6310. Parental participation.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (b) Presence at proceedings. -- The court [may, when the court
- 11 determines that it is in the best interests of the child, shall
- 12 order a parent, guardian or custodian of a child to be present
- 13 at and to bring the child to any proceeding under this chapter.
- 14 * * *
- 15 (d) Intent.--The General Assembly hereby declares that every
- 16 parent, guardian or custodian of a child who is the subject of a

- 1 proceeding under this chapter and a court-ordered program under
- 2 this chapter [should] <u>must</u> attend the proceeding and <u>should</u>
- 3 participate fully in the program.
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- 5 Section 2. This act shall apply to proceedings commenced on
- 6 or after the effective date of this act.
- 7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.