

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 885 Session of
1995

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PISTELLA, RAMOS AND STEELMAN, FEBRUARY 27, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 27, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring the presence of
3 parents, guardians or custodians at proceedings involving
4 juveniles.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6310. Parental or legal guardian attendance required at
10 juvenile proceedings.

11 (a) Order to attend.--In any proceedings under this chapter,
12 a court shall issue an order specifically requiring the parent
13 or legal guardian or person with whom the child resides, if
14 other than the parent or guardian, to be present and ready to
15 participate in the proceedings with the juvenile. No later than
16 30 days before such proceedings, the court shall send a notice

1 of the order to the parent or legal guardian or person with whom
2 the child resides if other than the parent or guardian.

3 (b) Contempt.--A person failing to comply with an order of
4 participation may be found in contempt of court as outlined in
5 sections 4132 (relating to attachment and summary punishment for
6 contempts) and 4133 (relating to commitment or fine for
7 contempt).

8 (c) Bench warrant.--The court shall issue a bench warrant
9 for any parent or guardian or person with whom the child
10 resides, if other than the parent or guardian, who fails to
11 appear at any proceedings. The court may waive any fine or other
12 punishment if the person is found to be present and ready to
13 participate in the proceedings with the juvenile after a bench
14 warrant is issued.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.