I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 258 (EC)

Introduced by:

THE BR I HAN I HO LET Ray Tenorio

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §5134 TO CHAPTER 5 OF 19GCA RELATIVE TO PARENTAL ACOUNTABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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Section 1. A new Section 5134 is added to Chapter 5 of 19GCA to read:

"85134. Parental Accountability. The parent or guardian of a 4 juvenile who is within the court's jurisdiction shall attend each hearing or 5 proceeding unless the court excuses the parent or guardian for good cause 6 7 shown. A parent or guardian who fails to attend the juvenile's hearing without good cause shown may be held in contempt and subject to fines. 8 9 Failure of a parent or guardian to attend a hearing is not, however, grounds for an adjournment, continuance, or other delay of the proceeding and does 10 11 not provide the basis for appellate or other relief."