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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
88TH LEGISLATURE
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Introduced by Senators Gougeon, Stille, Steil, Carl, DeGrow, Schuette, McManus and Shugars

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 698

AN ACT to amend chapter XIIA of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended "An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to certain aspects of the organization and jurisdiction of the probate court of this state, the powers and duties of such court and the judges and other officers thereof, certain aspects of the statutes of descent and distribution of property, and the statutes governing the change of name of adults and children, the adoption of adults and children, and the jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the probate court; to prescribe the powers and duties of the juvenile division of the probate court, and the judges and other officers thereof; to prescribe the manner and time within which actions and proceedings may be brought in the juvenile division of the probate court; to prescribe pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in actions and proceedings in the juvenile division of the probate court; to provide for appeals from the juvenile division of the probate court; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, agencies, and officers; and to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of this act," as amended, being sections 712A.1 to 712A.31 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 6a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Chapter XIIA of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being sections 712A.1 to 712A.31 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 6a to read as follows:

CHAPTER XIIA

Sec. 6a. The parent or guardian of a juvenile who is within the court's jurisdiction under section 2(a)(1) of this chapter shall attend each hearing held under this chapter unless the court excuses the parent or guardian from attendance for good cause. A parent or guardian who fails to attend the juvenile's hearing without good cause may be held in contempt and subject to fines. Failure of a parent or guardian to attend a hearing, however, is not grounds for an adjournment, continuance, or other delay of the proceeding and does not provide a basis for appellate or other relief.

Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect January 1, 1997.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Secretary of the Senate.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

Governor.