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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN - PROCEEDINGS IN
FAMILY COURT

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Metts, Jabour, Ruggerio, and Perry

Date Introduced: February 01, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 14-1 of the General Laws entitled "Proceedings in Family Court" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **14-1-32.5. Anti-gang violence parenting classes. -- (a) If a minor is found to be**
4 **delinquent by reason of the commission of a gang-related offense, and the court finds that the**
5 **minor is a first-time offender and orders that a parent or guardian retain custody of that minor, the**
6 **court may order the parent or guardian to attend anti-gang violence parenting classes.**

7 **(b) The department of the attorney general shall establish curriculum for the anti-gang**
8 **violence parenting classes required pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, all of the**
9 **following criteria:**

10 **(1) A meeting in which the families of innocent victims of gang violence share their**
11 **experience.**

12 **(2) A meeting in which the surviving parents of a deceased gang member share their**
13 **experience.**

14 **(3) How to identify gang and drug activity in children.**

15 **(4) How to communicate effectively with adolescents.**

16 **(5) An overview of pertinent support agencies and organizations for intervention,**
17 **education, job training, and positive recreational activities, including telephone numbers,**
18 **locations, and contact names of those agencies and organizations.**

1 (6) The potential sentences and periods of incarceration for the commission of additional
2 gang-related offenses.

3 (7) The potential penalties that may be imposed upon parents for aiding and abetting
4 crimes committed by their children.

5 (c) The father, mother, spouse, or other person liable for the support of the minor, the
6 estate of that person, and the estate of the minor shall be liable for the cost of classes ordered
7 pursuant to this section, unless the court finds that the person or estate does not have the financial
8 ability to pay. In evaluating financial ability to pay, the court shall take into consideration the
9 combined household income, the necessary obligations of the household, the number of persons
10 dependent upon this income, and whether reduced monthly payments would obviate the need to
11 waive liability for the full costs. In cases where ability to pay is an issue under this section said
12 costs may be paid for from any drug forfeiture funds collected by the department of attorney
13 general.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the family court judge who finds a minor delinquent for the
2 commission of a gang-related offense to order the minor's parents or guardian to attend anti-gang
3 violence parenting classes.

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