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Child Custody Review Task Force Committee
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A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contempt proceedings for intentional interference with court-ordered parenting time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 27-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-10-07. Order to show cause or warrant of attachment for contempt not committed in presence of judge.

1. In addition to the procedure ~~set out in~~established under section 27-10-01.3, when an act punishable as contempt is not committed in the immediate view and presence of the court~~, the court, upon being satisfied of the commission of the offense,~~ and the court has reasonable grounds to believe the act was committed, the court may:
   ~~1.~~ a. Order the accused to show cause at a specified time and place why the accused should not be punished for the alleged offense; or
   ~~2.~~ b. Issue a warrant of attachment directed to the sheriff of any county where the accused may be found commanding the sheriff to arrest and bring the accused before the court at a specified time and place to answer for the alleged offense.
2. If the court issues an order to show cause under this section in a proceeding in which one individual subject to a parenting time order alleges the other individual subject to the same parenting time order intentionally interfered with court-ordered parenting time, the court shall hold the hearing within thirty days after the request for a contempt citation is filed with the court.