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Amend the bill in section 9 in §3305 in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "juvenile" the following: 'must personally appear, and the juvenile'

Amend the bill in section 9 in §3305 in the 2nd paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 25 and 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "an adjudicatory hearing must be set" and inserting the following: 'the matter must be set for further proceedings'

## SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that a juvenile must personally appear in court to enter an answer to allegations in a petition. The bill provides that when an answer is entered or the court declines to accept an answer admitting or not contesting the allegations of a petition, an adjudicatory hearing must be set. This amendment removes the reference to an adjudicatory hearing and instead provides that the matter must be set for further proceedings in order to accommodate existing local procedures.