

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3516**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to ensure testimony in gang related cases..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 233, section 5 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 “Where the defendant is accused of a violent crime as defined in section 121 of chapter  
4 140 that is a result of gang-related activity, the punishment for such failure to attend shall be by a  
5 fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or  
6 both.”