

HB 2808 -- OFFENSE OF PERMITTING, ENCOURAGING, AIDING, OR CAUSING
A MINOR TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE

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This bill establishes the offense of permitting, encouraging, aiding, or causing a minor to commit an offense, which occurs if a person is a parent to the minor and the person knowingly permits, encourages, aides, or causes the minor to commit an offense in violation of State or Federal law.

The bill establishes a tiered penalty: if the offense committed by the minor was a felony offense, the penalty is a class A misdemeanor; if the offense committed by the minor was a misdemeanor offense, the penalty is a class C misdemeanor. Each violation of this provision constitutes a separate offense.

In addition to the above penalties, upon a plea or finding of guilt, the court may order the person to make restitution to any individual who has suffered damages as a result of the offense committed by the minor. The person is entitled to a hearing on any restitution amount prior to the imposition of the restitution.