



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 3606

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Offered by:

REP. NOUJAIM, 74<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: House Bill No. 5597

File No. 490

Cal. No. 336

**"AN ACT CONCERNING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
BASED ON CONSENT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 46b-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

5 The Superior Court may grant the right of visitation with respect to  
6 any minor child or children to any person, including a grandparent of  
7 such child or children, upon an application of such person. Such order  
8 shall be according to the court's best judgment upon the facts of the  
9 case and subject to such conditions and limitations as it deems  
10 equitable, provided the grant of such visitation rights shall not be  
11 contingent upon any order of financial support by the court. In  
12 making, modifying or terminating such an order, the court shall be  
13 guided by the best interest of the child, giving consideration to the  
14 wishes of such child if he or she is of sufficient age and capable of  
15 forming an intelligent opinion. Visitation rights granted in accordance

16 with this section shall not be deemed to have created parental rights in  
17 the person or persons to whom such visitation rights are granted. The  
18 grant of such visitation rights shall not prevent any court of competent  
19 jurisdiction from thereafter acting upon the custody of such child, the  
20 parental rights with respect to such child or the adoption of such child  
21 and any such court may include in its decree an order terminating  
22 such visitation rights."