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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5345

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL
NEEDS ADOPTION."**

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 Section 46b-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, and the wishes of the natural parent or
16 parents of such child. Visitation rights granted in accordance with this
17 section shall not be deemed to have created parental rights in the
18 person or persons to whom such visitation rights are granted. The
19 grant of such visitation rights shall not prevent any court of competent
20 jurisdiction from thereafter acting upon the custody of such child, the
21 parental rights with respect to such child or the adoption of such child
22 and any such court may include in its decree an order terminating
23 such visitation rights."