



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 137

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS TO VISITATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the rights of grandparents to visit their grandchildren. The
3 task force shall (1) consider what rights, if any, grandparents may
4 currently have to visit their grandchildren; (2) consider under what
5 circumstances grandparents should have a right to visitation; and (3)
6 make recommendations for statutory changes concerning grandparent
7 rights.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
12 Representatives;

13 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

14 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

17 (7) The Commissioner of Children and Families or the
18 commissioner's designee;

19 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
20 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
21 of the General Assembly.

22 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
23 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
24 filled by the appointing authority.

25 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
26 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
27 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
28 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
29 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

30 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
32 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

33 (g) Not later than January 31, 2010, the task force shall submit a
34 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
36 relating to human services, in accordance with the provisions of
37 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
38 the date that it submits such report or January 31, 2010, whichever is
39 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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