



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5503

LCO No. 1872

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
REP. ORANGE, 48th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIORITY OF GRANDPARENTS IN
CHILD CUSTODY CASES.**

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

- 1 That sections 45a-617 and 17a-101m of the general statutes be
- 2 amended to prioritize a grandparent ahead of another adult relative of
- 3 a child when (1) a court is appointing a guardian for the child, or (2)
- 4 the Commissioner of Children and Families is providing notice to
- 5 relatives that the child has been removed from the custody of the
- 6 child's parent or guardian.

Statement of Purpose:

To require that grandparents have priority over other adult relatives of a child when (1) a court is appointing a guardian for the child, or (2) notice is being provided that a child has been removed from the custody of the child's parent or guardian.