



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 444

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVENTION BY INTERESTED THIRD PARTIES IN CONTROVERSIES INVOLVING CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Section 46b-57 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 In any controversy before the Superior Court as to the custody of
4 minor children, and on any complaint under this chapter or section
5 46b-1 or 51-348a, if there is any minor child of either or both parties,
6 the court, if it has jurisdiction under the provisions of chapter 815p,
7 may allow any interested third party or parties to intervene upon
8 motion. In making a determination as to whether an interested third
9 party should be allowed to intervene in such controversy, the court
10 shall give due consideration to factors that include, but are not limited
11 to: (1) Whether the interested third party has a parent-like relationship
12 with any minor child of the parties; (2) the nature of the relationship,
13 familial or otherwise, between the interested third party and the
14 parties to the controversy; and (3) whether the interested third party is
15 making significant financial contributions to support a minor child of

16 the parties to the controversy. The court may award full or partial
17 custody, care, education and visitation rights of such child to any such
18 third party upon such conditions and limitations as it deems equitable.
19 Before allowing any such intervention, the court may appoint counsel
20 for the child or children pursuant to the provisions of section 46b-54. In
21 making any order under this section, the court shall be guided by the
22 best interests of the child, giving consideration to the wishes of the
23 child if the child is of sufficient age and capable of forming an
24 intelligent preference.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	46b-57

Statement of Purpose:

To delineate factors that the court shall consider when determining whether an interested third party shall be allowed to intervene into a matter involving custody of a minor child.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]