



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5608**

LCO No. 2787

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S RIGHT OF VISITATION  
WITH A GRANDCHILD.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46b-59 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (b) (1) A grandparent may submit a verified petition to the Superior  
5 Court for the right of visitation with any minor child. Such petition  
6 shall include specific and good-faith allegations that (A) a parent-like  
7 relationship exists between the grandparent and the minor child and  
8 denial of visitation would cause real and significant harm; or (B)  
9 compelling circumstances exist that overcome the presumption that  
10 the parental decision to deny such visitation is in the child's best  
11 interest. Subject to subsection (e) of this section, the court shall grant  
12 the right of visitation with any minor child to a grandparent if the  
13 court finds after hearing and by clear and convincing evidence that (i)  
14 a parent-like relationship exists between the grandparent and the  
15 minor child and denial of visitation would cause real and significant  
16 harm; or (ii) compelling circumstances exist that overcome the

17 presumption that the parental decision to deny such visitation is in the  
18 child's best interest.

19 [(b)] (2) Any person, other than a grandparent, may submit a  
20 verified petition to the Superior Court for the right of visitation with  
21 any minor child. Such petition shall include specific and good-faith  
22 allegations that [(1)] a parent-like relationship exists between the  
23 person and the minor child [,] and [(2)] denial of visitation would  
24 cause real and significant harm. Subject to subsection (e) of this section,  
25 the court shall grant the right of visitation with any minor child to any  
26 person if the court finds after hearing and by clear and convincing  
27 evidence that a parent-like relationship exists between the person and  
28 the minor child and denial of visitation would cause real and  
29 significant harm.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	46b-59(b)

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*