

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2265 Session of  
1976

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. MYERS, LEDERER, BERSON, GREENFIELD, GREEN,  
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DOYLE, LINCOLN, LETTERMAN, PETRARCA, SHELTON AND DeWEESE,  
MARCH 24, 1976

SENATOR HILL, JUDICIARY, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 27,  
1976.

AN ACT

1 Relating to the rights of grandparents to visit ~~or have~~ <—  
2 ~~temporary custody of~~ their grandchildren in certain cases.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. The courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth  
6 may, upon petition thereto for a writ of habeas corpus, grant  
7 grandparents reasonable visitation rights as the court shall  
8 determine with respect to their grandchildren, ~~regardless of the~~ <—  
9 ~~marital status of the parents of the child or the~~ AND BASED UPON <—  
10 THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE GRANDCHILDREN, IN CASES WHERE A CHILD  
11 IS NO LONGER IN THE CUSTODY OF BOTH PARENTS AND REGARDLESS OF  
12 THE relationship of the grandparents to the person having  
13 custody of the child.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.