
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1001 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY LaGROTTA, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE,
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GOODMAN, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY,
McCALL, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, REICHLEY,
RUFFING, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SHANER, STABACK, SURRA,
TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON,
YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 16, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 16, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for when
3 grandparents may petition for partial custody and visitation
4 rights.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 5313(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5313. When grandparents may petition.

10 (a) Partial custody and visitation.--If an unmarried child
11 has resided with his grandparents or great-grandparents [for a
12 period of 12 months or more] and is subsequently removed from
13 the home by his parents, the grandparents or great-grandparents
14 may petition the court for an order granting them reasonable
15 partial custody or visitation rights, or both, to the child. The
16 court shall grant the petition if it finds that visitation

1 rights would be in the best interest of the child and would not
2 interfere with the parent-child relationship.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.