



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: December 10, 2010

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boseola

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation known as Kimberlee's Law.

Kimberlee Jill Godshall was brutally murdered by her husband at the age of 22 while her 1-year-old daughter was in the next room. The criminal researched information on the Internet on how to strike fatal blows to a body by stabbing, strangulation and hitting to cause death. While the perpetrator was sentenced to life without parole, the social worker and judge in the case thought it would be in the child's best interest to let the convicted father write letters and draw pictures to this little girl.

My legislation would change state law relating to child custody in cases such as the aforementioned to say that no court shall award custody, partial custody or visitation by a parent who was convicted of a first-degree murder of the other parent or any child residing in the household.

This is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 1265 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors included Senators Alloway, Costa, Stack, Farnese and Washington.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.