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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1548** Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF,  
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SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHIMKUS, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY,  
STERN, SURRA, SWANGER, THOMAS, WATERS AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
JUNE 18, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 18, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 disposition of dependent child.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6351(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

8 § 6351. Disposition of dependent child.

9 (a) General rule.--If the child is found to be a dependent  
10 child the court may make any of the following orders of  
11 disposition best suited to the safety, protection and physical,  
12 mental, and moral welfare of the child:

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14 (2.2) If the court determines that temporary or  
15 permanent legal custody shall be given to an individual or

1 entity other than a child's parents, guardian, or other  
2 custodian, a grandparent who wishes to be given custody shall  
3 be considered and a study done by the probation officer or  
4 other person or agency designated by the court. A grandparent  
5 who wishes to be given custody shall have standing in any  
6 court proceeding under this chapter involving the child or  
7 children.

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