

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1548 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CARROLL, CLYMER, CURRY, DENLINGER, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARKINS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, M. KELLER, KIRKLAND, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAHONEY, MELIO, MENSCH, MUNDY, MURT, PEIFER, PERZEL, PETRONE, PICKETT, PYLE, RAPP, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHIMKUS, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, SURRA, SWANGER, THOMAS, WATERS, YOUNGBLOOD AND PETRARCA, JUNE 18, 2007

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 23, 2007

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

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

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