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2005 Senate Bill 244

Senate Amendment 1

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2005 Senate Bill 244 provides that, if a court grants periods of physical placement to both parents, the court may grant to a parent a reasonable amount of electronic communication at reasonable hours during the other parent's periods of physical placement with the child. The basis for granting electronic communication is whether it is in the child's best interest and whether equipment for providing electronic communication is reasonably available to both parents. The bill also provides that electronic communication may be used only to supplement, and not as a substitute or replacement for, the physical placement that a parent has with the child. The bill also provides that if the parent is proposing to move with the child and the other parent objects to the move, the court may not use the availability of electronic communication as a factor in support of a modification of physical placement or a refusal to prohibit the parent from moving with the child.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1, introduced by Senator Stepp on September 14, 2005, provides that if the court grants electronic communication to a parent whose physical placement with the child is supervised, the court shall also require that the parent's electronic communication with the child be supervised.

Legislative History

The Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on September 15, 2005, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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