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2005 Assembly Bill 531

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2005 Assembly Bill 531 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.

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Assembly Amendment 1, introduced by Representative Voss, 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 Assembly Committee on Family Law recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on November 9, 2005, by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

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