



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

SB1681

Introduced 2/24/2005, by Sen. Mattie Hunter

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Court Grandparent Awareness Training Act. Provides that the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts shall create an awareness training course that addresses and sensitizes judges and judicial personnel to the unique problems and issues faced by grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Requires that all judges and judicial personnel attend initial training within 90 days after the effective date of the Act or within 90 days after their appointment or transfer or date of hire, as appropriate, as well as an annual in-service training. Establishes minimum guidelines for the training course content.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Court  
5 Grandparent Awareness Training Act.

6 Section 5. Course development. The Administrative Office  
7 of the Illinois Courts shall develop and approve a training  
8 course that addresses and sensitizes judges and judicial  
9 personnel to the unique problems and issues faced by  
10 grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. The training  
11 course shall be reviewed at least every 2 years and modified by  
12 the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts from time to  
13 time as needed.

14 Section 10. Attendance. The Administrative Office of the  
15 Illinois Courts shall be responsible for ensuring that all  
16 judges and judicial personnel attend initial training within 90  
17 days after the effective date of this Act or within 90 days  
18 after their appointment or transfer or date of hire, as  
19 appropriate, as well as an annual in-service training.

20 Section 15. Course contents. The training course shall, at  
21 a minimum, include training that would:

22 (1) increase the awareness on the part of judges and  
23 judicial personnel of the social, psychological,  
24 financial, and physical problems and issues faced by  
25 grandparents who are raising their grandchildren; and

26 (2) provide judges and judicial personnel with  
27 guidelines for dealing with these grandparents sensitively  
28 and in a manner that facilitates their gaining access to  
29 the legal rights and remedies available to them through the  
30 judicial system.