

SB1486



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2007, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 5/604

from Ch. 40, par. 604

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning interviews of children.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
5 Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 604 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/604) (from Ch. 40, par. 604)

7 Sec. 604. Interviews.) (a) The ~~The~~ court may interview the
8 child in chambers to ascertain the child's wishes as to his
9 custodian and as to visitation. Counsel shall be present at the
10 interview unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. The
11 court shall cause a court reporter to be present who shall make
12 a complete record of the interview instantaneously to be part
13 of the record in the case.

14 (b) The court may seek the advice of professional
15 personnel, whether or not employed by the court on a regular
16 basis. The advice given shall be in writing and made available
17 by the court to counsel. Counsel may examine, as a witness, any
18 professional personnel consulted by the court, designated as a
19 court's witness.

20 (Source: P.A. 80-923.)