

52:27D-9.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 52:27D-9.1 to 52:27D-9.3

(Grandparents' visitation rights-provide for educational program)

LAWS OF: 1984

CHAPTER: 183

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 292

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED APRIL 30, 1984

AN ACT concerning an educational program concerning rights of grandparents in certain actions.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Department of Community Affairs shall develop a pro-
 2 gram which: a. makes grandparents aware of their rights under
 3 P. L. 1971, c. 420 (C. 9:2-7.1) which establishes visitation rights
 4 for grandparents in cases involving the custody and visitation of
 5 the child, such as divorce cases; and b. informs divorcing parents
 6 as to the utility, to the child, of regular and frequent visitation
 7 with grandparents.

1 2. The Department of Community Affairs shall develop this
 2 outreach and educational program in consultation with the Admin-
 3 istrative Office of the Courts and the New Jersey State Bar Associa-
 4 tion. The program shall utilize such items as handbooks, pamphlets,
 5 public forums and other appropriate outlets to advise grandparents
 6 of their rights under the law.

1 3. Subject to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968,
 2 c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the Commissioner of the Department
 3 of Community Affairs shall adopt all regulations necessary to
 4 effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 4. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

STATEMENT

New Jersey law currently permits grandparents to seek visita-
 tion rights in cases of divorce, separation or parent's death. Under
 the provisions of this bill, the Department of Community Affairs
 is directed to develop a program to educate grandparents as to
 these important rights concerning the visitation of their grand-
 children, so that grandparents will be more knowledgeable con-
 cerning the exercise of their rights in these important matters.

ASSEMBLY, No. 292

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Assemblyman SCHWARTZ, Assemblywoman PERUN, Assemblymen HERMAN, PANKOK, KERN, PATERNITI, THOMPSON, BAER and Assemblywoman KALIK

AN ACT concerning notice to grandparents of certain actions.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary,
2 in an action concerning the custody, visitation or guardianship
3 of a minor child, notice shall be given to the grandparents of that
4 child of their right to intervene in the action and represent their
5 interests.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires that grandparents of a minor child be given notice of their right to intervene in an action concerning the custody, visitation or guardianship of that child, notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary.

New Jersey law currently permits grandparents to seek visitation rights in cases of divorce, separation or a parent's death.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGING

STATEMENT TO

Assembly Committee Substitute for

ASSEMBLY, No. 292

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 30, 1984

The purpose of the bill is to direct the Department of Community Affairs to develop a program to educate grandparents as to their rights under New Jersey law regarding visitation in cases of divorce, separation or parent's death, so that grandparents will be more knowledgeable concerning their exercise of these important rights. The program will also inform divorcing parents of the importance to the child of regular and frequent visitation with the grandparents. This outreach and educational program will be developed in consultation with the New Jersey State Bar Association and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGING
STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 292

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 25, 1984

The bill directs the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the New Jersey State Bar Association, to develop an outreach and educational program concerning the visitation rights of grandparents in cases of divorce, separation or parent's death. The department's program shall utilize handbooks, pamphlets, public forums and other appropriate means to educate grandparents about their visitation rights under current law. The program shall also inform divorcing parents of the benefits to the child of regular and frequent contact with grandparents.



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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation requiring a physician to obtain authorization from a patient to perform a biopsy or mastectomy in cases of surgery for a breast tumor.

The bill, A-1471, was sponsored by Assemblywoman Mildred B. Garvin, D-Essex. It is designed to ensure that a patient has the opportunity to give informed consent for either a biopsy or mastectomy, and prohibits the physician from performing both procedures during the same operation without the specific consent of the patient.

In doing so the bill clarifies and standardizes the procedure a doctor must follow in gaining consent from a patient prior to performing breast removal surgery. The intent of the legislation is to ensure that a patient is fully aware of the alternative methods of treating breast tumors, so that the decision to permit a mastectomy is a fully informed one.

The Governor also signed the following bills:

A-292, sponsored by Assemblyman David C. Schwartz, D-Middlesex, which creates a program within the Department of Community Affairs to educate grandparents about their rights concerning custody and visitation of their grandchildren in divorce cases.

New Jersey law grants grandparents rights of visitation.

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Trenton, N.J.

A-1471, A-292, S-1956 SIGNED
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S-1956, sponsored by State Senator Walter E. Foran, R-Hunterdon, changes the title of the Commander of the National Guard from Chief of Staff to Adjutant General, thereby establishing uniformity between the State and Federal system.

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