House Bill 5490

A bill to amend 1970 PA 91, entitled "Child custody act of 1970,"

by amending section 6b (MCL 722.26b), as amended by 1993 PA 259.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- **1** Sec. 6b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection
- 2 (2), a guardian or limited guardian of a child has standing to
- 3 bring an action for custody of the child pursuant to AS PRO-
- 4 VIDED IN this act.
- 5 (2) A limited guardian of a child does not have standing to
- 6 bring an action for custody of the child if the parent or parents
- 7 of the child have substantially complied with a limited guardian-
- 8 ship placement plan regarding the child entered into pursuant to
- 9 section 424a of the revised probate code, Act No. 642 of the
- 10 Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.424a of the Michigan

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- H.B. 5490 as amended March 15, 2000
 - 1 Compiled Laws AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 5205 OF THE ESTATES AND
 - 2 PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5205 [, OR SECTION 424A OF FORMER 1978 PA 642].

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- 3 (3) If the circuit court does not have prior continuing
- 4 jurisdiction over the child, a child custody action brought by a
- 5 guardian or limited guardian of the child shall be filed in the
- 6 circuit court in the county in which the probate court appointed
- 7 the quardian.
- 8 (4) Upon the filing of a child custody action brought by a
- 9 CHILD'S guardian or limited guardian, of the child, all guard-
- 10 ianship proceedings concerning that child in the probate court
- 11 shall be ARE stayed until disposition of the child custody
- 12 action. An order of the A probate court ORDER concerning the
- 13 guardianship of the child shall continue CONTINUES in force
- 14 until superseded by an order of the A circuit court ORDER. If
- 15 the circuit court awards custody of the child, it shall send a
- 16 copy of the judgment or order of disposition to the probate court
- 17 in the county that appointed the CHILD'S guardian or limited
- 18 guardian. for the child.
- 19 (5) If a CHILD'S guardian or limited guardian of a child
- 20 brings a child custody action, the circuit court shall request
- 21 the supreme court pursuant to IN ACCORDANCE WITH section 225 of
- 22 the revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public
- 23 Acts of 1961, being section 600.225 of the Michigan Compiled
- 24 Laws 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.225, to assign the judge of the pro-
- 25 bate court JUDGE who appointed that guardian or limited guardian
- 26 to serve as a judge of the circuit court JUDGE and hear the
- 27 child custody action.

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1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April
2 1, 2000.

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