## HOUSE BILL No. 6018

September 13, 1990, Introduced by Reps. Gubow, Ciaramitaro, Stabenow, Berman, Kosteva, Trim and Fitzgerald and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend sections 424 and 424a of Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended

"Revised probate code,"

section 424 as amended and section 424a as added by Act No. 396 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 700.424 and 700.424a of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add sections 402, 421a, 424b, 424c, 427a, and 437a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Sections 424 and 424a of Act No. 642 of the
- 2 Public Acts of 1978, section 424 as amended and section 424a as
- 3 added by Act No. 396 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections
- 4 700.424 and 700.424a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended
- 5 and sections 402, 421a, 424b, 424c, 427a, and 437a are added to
- 6 read as follows:

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- 1 SEC. 402. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION,
- 2 THE COURT SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER AN ACTION FOR
- 3 CUSTODY OF A MINOR BROUGHT BY A GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR PURSUANT TO
- 4 THE CHILD CUSTODY ACT OF 1970, ACT NO. 91 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF
- 5 1970, BEING SECTIONS 722.21 TO 722.29 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED
- 6 LAWS.
- 7 (2) THE COURT DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO SUBSEC-
- 8 TION (1) REGARDING AN ACTION FOR CUSTODY OF A MINOR IF THERE IS
- 9 ACTION FOR DIVORCE, SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, OR ANNULMENT PENDING IN
- 10 THE CIRCUIT COURT AND IF A GUARDIANSHIP FOR THE MINOR WAS ESTAB-
- 11 LISHED AFTER THE ACTION FOR DIVORCE, SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, OR
- 12 ANNULMENT WAS FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.
- 13 (3) A COMPLAINT BY A GUARDIAN OF A MINOR SEEKING CUSTODY OF
- 14 THE MINOR SHALL BE FILED IN THE COURT THAT APPOINTED THE
- 15 GUARDIAN.
- 16 (4) THE COURT MAY ORDER THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OR THE
- 17 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND
- 18 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING CUSTODY, SUPPORT, OR VISITATION.
- 19 (5) THE COURT SHALL DECLARE THE INHERENT RIGHTS OF THE MINOR
- 20 AND ESTABLISH THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS TO CUSTODY, SUPPORT, AND
- 21 VISITATION OF THE MINOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT NO. 91 OF THE
- 22 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1970.
- 23 (6) AFTER THE COURT DETERMINES CUSTODY OF A MINOR, THE COURT
- 24 SHALL TRANSFER THE CASE TO THE CIRCUIT COURT AS FOLLOWS:
- 25 (A) IF THE CIRCUIT COURT HAS PRIOR CONTINUING JURISDICTION
- 26 OVER THE MINOR, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE
- 27 CIRCUIT COURT HAS PRIOR CONTINUING JURISDICTION.

- 1 (B) IF THE CIRCUIT COURT DOES NOT HAVE PRIOR CONTINUING
- 2 JURISDICTION OVER THE MINOR, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SAME
- 3 COUNTY AS THE COURT THAT APPOINTED THE GUARDIAN.
- 4 (7) THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY TRANSFER A CASE TO THE COURT THAT
- 5 APPOINTED A GUARDIAN FOR A MINOR FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS REGARD-
- 6 ING THE CUSTODY OF THE MINOR IF THE COURT HAS PREVIOUSLY ENTERED
- 7 AN ORDER CONCERNING CUSTODY OF THAT MINOR, AND IF THE WELFARE OF
- 8 THE MINOR AND THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE REQUIRE.
- 9 SEC. 421A. AS USED IN SECTIONS 421 TO 437, "BEST INTERESTS
- 10 OF THE MINOR" OR "BEST INTEREST OF THE WARD" MEANS THE SUM TOTAL
- 11 OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED, EVALUATED, AND DETER-
- 12 MINED BY THE COURT:
- 13 (A) THE LOVE, AFFECTION, AND OTHER EMOTIONAL TIES EXISTING
- 14 BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED AND THE CHILD.
- 15 (B) THE CAPACITY AND DISPOSITION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO
- 16 GIVE THE CHILD LOVE, AFFECTION, AND GUIDANCE AND CONTINUATION OF
- 17 THE EDUCATING AND RAISING OF THE CHILD IN ITS RELIGION OR CREED,
- 18 IF ANY.
- 19 (C) THE CAPACITY AND DISPOSITION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO
- 20 PROVIDE THE CHILD WITH FOOD, CLOTHING, MEDICAL CARE OR OTHER
- 21 REMEDIAL CARE RECOGNIZED AND PERMITTED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS
- 22 STATE IN PLACE OF MEDICAL CARE, AND OTHER MATERIAL NEEDS.
- 23 (D) THE LENGTH OF TIME THE CHILD HAS LIVED IN A STABLE, SAT-
- 24 ISFACTORY ENVIRONMENT, AND THE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING
- 25 CONTINUITY.
- 26 (E) THE PERMANENCE, AS A FAMILY UNIT, OF THE EXISTING OR
- 27 PROPOSED CUSTODIAL HOME.

- 1 (F) THE MORAL FITNESS OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.
- 2 (G) THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.
- 3 (H) THE HOME, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY RECORD OF THE CHILD.
- 4 (I) THE REASONABLE PREFERENCE OF THE CHILD, IF THE COURT
- 5 DEEMS THE CHILD TO BE OF SUFFICIENT AGE TO EXPRESS PREFERENCE.
- 6 (J) THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THE GUARDIAN TO FACILI-
- 7 TATE AND ENCOURAGE A CLOSE AND CONTINUING PARENT-CHILD RELATION-
- 8 SHIP BETWEEN THE CHILD AND HIS OR HER PARENT OR PARENTS.
- 9 (K) ANY OTHER FACTOR CONSIDERED BY THE COURT TO BE RELEVANT
- 10 TO A PARTICULAR DISPUTE REGARDING TERMINATION OF A GUARDIANSHIP,
- 11 REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN, OR VISITATION.
- 12 Sec. 424. (1) A person interested in the welfare of a
- 13 minor, or a minor if 14 years of age or older, may petition for
- 14 the appointment of a quardian of the minor.
- 15 (2) The court may appoint a guardian for an unmarried minor
- 16 if -either of the following circumstances exist: (a) The THE
- 17 parental rights of both parents or of the surviving parent have
- 18 been terminated or suspended by prior court order, by judgment of
- 19 divorce or separate maintenance, by death, by judicial determina-
- 20 tion of mental incompetency, by disappearance, or by confinement
- 21 in a place of detention.
- 22 (b) The appointment is necessary for the immediate physical
- 23 well-being of the minor.
- 24 (3) A LIMITED GUARDIAN OF A MINOR MAY PETITION TO BE
- 25 APPOINTED A GUARDIAN FOR THAT MINOR, EXCEPT THAT THE PETITION
- 26 SHALL NOT BE BASED UPON SUSPENSION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS BY THE

- 1 ORDER WHICH APPOINTED THAT PERSON THE LIMITED GUARDIAN OF THAT 2 MINOR.
- 3 (4)  $\frac{(3)}{(3)}$  A guardian appointed by will as provided in sec-
- 4 tion 422 whose appointment is not prevented or nullified under
- 5 section 423 has priority over a guardian who may be appointed by
- 6 the court. The court may proceed with an appointment upon a
- 7 finding that the testamentary quardian has failed to accept the
- 8 testamentary appointment within 30 days after notice of the
- 9 guardianship proceeding.
- 10 Sec. 424a. (1) -The- BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
- 11 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED SECTION 424B, THE court may appoint a
- 12 limited quardian for an unmarried minor under this section upon
- 13 the petition of the parent or parents if -both- ALL of the fol-
- 14 lowing -occur REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:
- (a) The parents with custody of the minor consent or, in the
- 16 case of only 1 parent having custody of the minor, the sole
- 17 parent consents to the appointment of a limited guardian.
- 18 (b) The parent or parents voluntarily consent to the suspen-
- 19 sion of their parental rights.
- 20 (C) THE COURT APPROVES A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN
- 21 AGREED TO BY BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:
- 22 (i) THE PARENTS WITH CUSTODY OF THE MINOR OR, IN THE CASE OF
- 23 ONLY 1 PARENT HAVING CUSTODY OF THE MINOR, THE SOLE PARENT WHO
- 24 HAS CUSTODY OF THE MINOR.
- 25 (ii) THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO THE COURT WILL APPOINT AS
- 26 LIMITED GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR.

- 1 (2) THE PARENT OR PARENTS OF A MINOR WHO DESIRE TO HAVE THE
- 2 COURT APPOINT A LIMITED GUARDIAN FOR THAT MINOR AND THE PERSON OR
- 3 PERSONS WHO DESIRE TO BE APPOINTED LIMITED GUARDIAN FOR THAT
- 4 MINOR SHALL DEVELOP A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN. THE
- 5 PARTIES SHALL USE A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN FORM PRE-
- 6 SCRIBED BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR. A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP
- 7 PLACEMENT PLAN FORM SHALL INCLUDE A NOTICE THAT INFORMS A PARENT
- 8 WHO IS A PARTY TO THE PLAN THAT FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY
- 9 WITH THE PLAN MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT'S
- 10 PARENTAL RIGHTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER XIIA OF ACT NO. 288 OF THE
- 11 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1939, BEING SECTIONS 712A.1 TO 712A.28 OF THE
- 12 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS. THE PROPOSED LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACE-
- 13 MENT PLAN SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE PETITION REQUESTING THE COURT
- 14 TO APPOINT A LIMITED GUARDIAN. THE LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACE-
- 15 MENT PLAN SHALL STATE THE REASON WHY THE PARENT OR PARENTS ARE
- 16 REQUESTING THE COURT TO APPOINT A LIMITED GUARDIAN FOR THE MINOR
- 17 AND INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 18 (A) VISITATION AND CONTACT WITH THE MINOR BY HIS OR HER
- 19 PARENT OR PARENTS SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN A PARENT AND CHILD
- 20 RELATIONSHIP.
- 21 (B) THE DURATION OF THE LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP.
- 22 (C) FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MINOR.
- 23 (D) ANY OTHER PROVISIONS THAT THE PARTIES AGREE TO INCLUDE
- 24 IN THE PLAN.
- 25 (3) THE COURT SHALL REVIEW A PROPOSED LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP
- 26 PLACEMENT PLAN FILED WITH THE COURT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND
- 27 SHALL DO 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (A) APPROVE THE PROPOSED PLAN.
- 2 (B) DISAPPROVE THE PROPOSED PLAN.
- 3 (C) ON ITS OWN MOTION, MODIFY A PROPOSED PLAN AND APPROVE IT
- 4 AS MODIFIED, IF THE PARTIES AGREE TO THE MODIFICATION. THE MODI-
- 5 FIED PLAN SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COURT.
- 6 (4) A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN THAT HAS BEEN
- 7 APPROVED BY THE COURT MAY BE MODIFIED UPON AGREEMENT OF THE PAR-
- 8 TIES AND APPROVAL OF THE COURT. A MODIFIED LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP
- 9 PLACEMENT PLAN SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COURT.
- 10 (5)  $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$  The suspension of parental rights under this sec-
- 11 tion does not prevent the parent or parents from filing a peti-
- 12 tion to terminate the LIMITED guardianship at any time PURSUANT
- 13 TO SECTION 424C. Appointment of a limited quardian under this
- 14 section shall be a continuing appointment. and may be terminated
- 15 by the court upon petition of the parents or sole parent-having
- 16 <del>custody.</del>
- 17 (6) (3) A limited guardian appointed under this section
- 18 shall have all of the powers and duties enumerated in section
- 19 431, except that a limited guardian may not consent to the adop-
- 20 tion of the minor or release of the minor for adoption nor may a
- 21 limited guardian consent to the marriage of a minor ward.
- 22 SEC. 424B. (1) THE COURT SHALL CONDUCT AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF
- 23 EACH LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 424A,
- 24 AND MAY CONDUCT OTHER REVIEWS OF A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AS FRE-

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- 25 QUENTLY AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY. IN CONDUCTING THE REVIEW, THE
- 26 COURT SHALL CONSIDER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

- 1 (A) THE PARENT'S AND LIMITED GUARDIAN'S CONFORMITY WITH THE
- 2 LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN.
- 3 (B) WHETHER THE LIMITED GUARDIAN HAS ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR
- 4 THE WELFARE OF THE MINOR.
- 5 (C) THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING THE LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP.
- 6 (D) THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THE LIMITED GUARDIAN TO
- 7 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE MINOR.
- 8 (E) THE EFFECT UPON THE WELFARE OF THE MINOR IF THE LIMITED
- 9 GUARDIANSHIP IS CONTINUED.
- 10 (F) ANY OTHER FACTOR THAT THE COURT CONSIDERS RELEVANT TO
- 11 THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MINOR.
- 12 (2) THE COURT MAY ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR
- 13 AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE COURT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND
- 14 FILE A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION REGARDING FACTORS
- 15 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(A) TO (F).
- 16 (3) UPON COMPLETION OF A REVIEW OF A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP,
- 17 THE COURT MAY DO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 18 (A) CONTINUE THE LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP.
- 19 (B) ORDER THE PARTIES TO MODIFY THE GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT
- 20 PLAN AS A CONDITION TO CONTINUING THE LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP.
- 21 (C) SCHEDULE A HEARING ON THE STATUS OF THE LIMITED GUARD-
- 22 IANSHIP AND TAKE ANY OF THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 424C(3)
- 23 (A), (B), (C), OR (D) IF IT WOULD SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
- 24 CHILD.
- 25 SEC. 424C. (1) A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR OTHER INTERESTED
- 26 PARTY MAY PETITION THE COURT TO TERMINATE A GUARDIANSHIP ON THE

- 1 GROUND THAT TERMINATION WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE 2 MINOR.
- 3 (2) IF A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED TO TERMINATE GUARDIANSHIP
- 4 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY DO 1 OR MORE OF THE
- 5 FOLLOWING:
- 6 (A) ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR AN EMPLOYEE
- 7 OR AGENT OF THE COURT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND FILE A
- 8 WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE BEST INTERESTS
- 9 OF THE MINOR OR GIVE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION.
- 10 (B) UTILIZE THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
- 11 AND OTHER PROFESSIONS IN THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE BEST
- 12 INTERESTS OF THE MINOR AND CONSIDER THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
- 13 DISPOSITION OF THE PETITION.
- 14 (C) APPOINT A GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR COUNSEL FOR THE MINOR.
- 15 (D) TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN A PARTICU-
- 16 LAR CASE.
- 17 (3) AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING ON A PETITION TO TERMINATE A
- 18 GUARDIANSHIP PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1), THE COURT SHALL DETER-
- 19 MINE WHETHER THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MINOR WOULD BE SERVED BY
- 20 TERMINATION OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND MAY:
- 21 (A) TERMINATE THE GUARDIANSHIP AND DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 22 (i) ENTER ORDERS TO FACILITATE THE REINTEGRATION OF THE
- 23 MINOR INTO THE HOME OF THE PARENT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 6 MONTHS
- 24 PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION.
- 25 (ii) ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUPERVISE
- 26 THE TRANSITION PERIOD WHEN THE MINOR IS BEING REINTEGRATED INTO
- 27 THE HOME OF HIS OR HER PARENT.

- 1 (iii) ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE
- 2 SERVICES TO FACILITATE THE REINTEGRATION OF THE MINOR INTO THE
- 3 HOME OF HIS OR HER PARENT.
- 4 (B) CONTINUE THE GUARDIANSHIP FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR FROM
- 5 THE DATE OF THE HEARING AND DO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 6 (i) IF THE GUARDIANSHIP IS A LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND THE
- 7 PARENT OR PARENTS HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THE TERMS OF THE LIMITED
- 8 GUARDIANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN, ORDER THE PARENT OR PARENTS TO
- 9 COMPLY WITH THE PLAN.
- 10 (ii) IF THE GUARDIANSHIP WAS ORDERED PURSUANT TO SECTION
- 11 424, ORDER THE PARENT OR PARENTS TO FOLLOW A COURT-STRUCTURED
- 12 PLAN THAT WILL ENABLE THE CHILD TO RETURN TO THE HOME OF HIS OR
- 13 HER PARENT OR PARENTS.
- 14 (C) APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR THE MINOR AND ORDER THE ATTORNEY
- 15 TO FILE A COMPLAINT REQUESTING THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE PRO-
- 16 BATE COURT TO TAKE JURISDICTION OF THE MINOR UNDER SECTION
- 17 2(B)(3) OF CHAPTER XIIA OF ACT NO. 288 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF
- 18 1939, BEING SECTION 712A.2 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, IF THE
- 19 COURT DETERMINES THE PARENT OR PARENTS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY FAILED,
- 20 WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A LIMITED GUARD-
- 21 IANSHIP PLACEMENT PLAN.
- 22 (D) APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR THE MINOR AND ORDER THE ATTORNEY
- 23 TO FILE A COMPLAINT REQUESTING THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE PRO-
- 24 BATE COURT TO TAKE JURISDICTION OF THE MINOR UNDER SECTION
- 25 2(B)(4) OF CHAPTER XIIA OF ACT NO. 288 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF
- 26 1939, BEING SECTION 712A.2 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, IF THE
- 27 COURT DETERMINES THAT BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE OCCURRED:

- 1 (i) THE PARENT, HAVING THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT, OR ASSIST IN
- 2 SUPPORTING, THE MINOR HAS FAILED OR NEGLECTED TO PROVIDE REGULAR
- 3 AND SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MINOR OR IF A SUPPORT ORDER HAS
- 4 BEEN ENTERED, HAS FAILED TO SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE ORDER,
- 5 FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS OR MORE BEFORE THE FILING OF THE
- 6 PETITION.
- 7 (ii) THE PARENT, HAVING THE ABILITY TO VISIT, CONTACT, OR
- 8 COMMUNICATE WITH THE MINOR, HAS REGULARLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY
- 9 FAILED OR NEGLECTED TO DO SO FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS OR MORE
- 10 BEFORE THE FILING OF THE PETITION.
- 11 (E) ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILE A COM-
- 12 PLAINT REQUESTING THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE PROBATE COURT TO
- 13 TAKE JURISDICTION OF THE MINOR UNDER SECTION 2(B) OF CHAPTER XIIA
- 14 OF ACT NO. 288 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1939, BEING SECTIONS 712A.2
- 15 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, BASED ON A REPORT OR TESTIMONY
- 16 FROM AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPLIED
- 17 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2).
- 18 (4) IF THE JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE PROBATE COURT TAKES
- 19 JURISDICTION OF A MINOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 2(B) OF CHAPTER XIIA
- 20 OF ACT NO. 288 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1939, BEING SECTION 712A.2
- 21 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, THE COURT SHALL TERMINATE THE
- 22 GUARDIANSHIP OR LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP.
- 23 SEC. 427A. (1) THE COURT MAY ORDER THE PARENT OR PARENTS OF
- 24 A MINOR WARD TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE MINOR
- 25 WARD, UNTIL THE MINOR WARD REACHES 18 YEARS OF AGE.

(2) THE COURT MAY MODIFY OR AMEND ITS SUPPORT ORDERS FOR 2 MINOR WARDS BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL THE MINOR 3 WARD REACHES 18 YEARS OF AGE. (3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SUPPORT" MAY INCLUDE 5 PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND OTHER HEALTH 6 CARE, CHILD CARE EXPENSES, AND EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES. THE COURT 7 SHALL REQUIRE THAT 1 OR BOTH PARENTS OF A MINOR WARD WHO IS THE 8 SUBJECT OF A PETITION UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL OBTAIN OR MAINTAIN 9 ANY HEALTH CARE COVERAGE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THEM AT A REASON-10 ABLE COST, AS A BENEFIT OF EMPLOYMENT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE 11 MINOR WARD. IF A PARENT IS SELF-EMPLOYED AND MAINTAINS HEALTH 12 CARE COVERAGE, THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE THE PARENT TO OBTAIN OR 13 MAINTAIN DEPENDENT COVERAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MINOR WARD, IF 14 AVAILABLE AT A REASONABLE COST. SEC. 437A. THE COURT MAY, FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF A MINOR 16 WARD, ORDER REASONABLE VISITATION AND CONTACT OF THE MINOR WARD 17 BY HIS OR HER PARENTS. Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless 19 all of the following bills of the 85th Legislature are enacted 20 into law: 21 (a) Senate Bill No. 1039. (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ (request 22 23 no. 06023'90b). 24 (c) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. \_\_\_ (request 25 no. 06023'90c). (d) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ (request 26

27 no. 06023'90d).

1 (e) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ (request
2 no. 06023'90e).

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