



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5259***

LCO No. 1325



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN COURT ORDERS PERTAINING TO CHILD CUSTODY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46b-56 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (b) In making or modifying any order as provided in subsection (a)  
5 of this section, the rights and responsibilities of both parents shall be  
6 considered and the court shall enter orders accordingly that serve the  
7 best interests of the child and provide the child with the active and  
8 consistent involvement of both parents commensurate with their  
9 abilities and interests. Such orders may include, but shall not be limited  
10 to: (1) Approval of a parental responsibility plan agreed to by the  
11 parents pursuant to section 46b-56a; (2) the award of joint parental  
12 responsibility of a minor child to both parents, which shall include (A)  
13 provisions for residential arrangements with each parent in accordance  
14 with the needs of the child and the parents, and (B) provisions for  
15 consultation between the parents and for the making of major decisions

16 regarding the child's health, education and religious upbringing; (3) the  
17 award of sole custody to one parent with appropriate parenting time for  
18 the noncustodial parent where sole custody is in the best interests of the  
19 child; or (4) any other custody arrangements as the court may determine  
20 to be in the best interests of the child, which may include provisions for  
21 the identification of a neutral location agreed upon by both parents for  
22 exchanging physical custody of the child.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	46b-56(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit the Superior Court to include in certain orders pertaining to child custody provisions concerning the identification of a neutral location where parents shall meet to drop off and pick up a child.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*