

House Bill 685

By: Representative Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations,  
2 so as to provide for visitation and custody of children of parents serving in the military; to  
3 revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is  
8 amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 19-9-6, relating to definitions for general  
9 provisions for child custody proceedings, as follows:

10 "(1) 'Armed forces' means the national guard, ~~and~~ the reserve components of the armed  
11 forces; of the United States, including the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and air  
12 force, the United States Merchant Marine, the United States Public Health Service  
13 Commissioned Corps, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
14 Commissioned Officer Corps."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.