

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Judiciary

CS/HB 621 — Child Custody

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Renuart and others (CS/SB 1650 by Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee and Senators Storms and Altman)

This bill provides that a parent's activation, deployment, or temporary assignment to military service and the resulting temporary disruption to the child may not be the sole factor in a court's decision to grant a petition for or modification of a permanent time-sharing agreement. The bill adds to previously existing law prohibiting a court from modifying time-sharing during the time a parent is away for military service, except to issue a temporary modification order if it is in the best interest of the child, by including a specific provision stating that military service cannot be the sole factor in granting a petition for modification.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0