

By Senator Grant

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to child custody; amending s.
 3 61.121, F.S.; providing that no presumption
 4 arises in favor of or against rotating custody;
 5 requiring shared parental responsibility in
 6 rotating custody; amending s. 61.046, F.S.;
 7 defining the term "rotating custody"; providing
 8 an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Section 61.121, Florida Statutes, is
 13 amended to read:

14 61.121 Rotating custody.--No presumption shall arise
 15 in favor of or against rotating custody.The court may order
 16 rotating custody if the court finds that rotating custody will
 17 be in the best interest of the child. If the court orders
 18 rotating custody, the court shall order shared parental
 19 responsibility.

20 Section 2. Present subsections (14) through (18) of
 21 section 61.046, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
 22 subsections (15) through (19), respectively, and a new
 23 subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

24 61.046 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:
 25 (14) "Rotating custody" means a court-ordered
 26 relationship, including alternating custody, joint residential
 27 parenting, and co-primary residency, in which each parent
 28 maintains a primary residence or is the custodial parent of
 29 the child for a distinct period of time and the noncustodial
 30 parent or secondary residential parent may have visitation
 31 rights or parental responsibilities.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that there is to be no presumption either in favor of or against rotating custody in a child-custody proceeding. Defines the term "rotating custody."