

Senate Bill 117

By: Senator Harp of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 19-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child
2 custody disputes and considerations, so as to prioritize parental time with children over
3 extracurricular activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 19-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child custody
8 disputes and considerations, is amended by striking subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting
9 in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(d) It is the express policy of this state to encourage that a minor child has continuing
11 contact with parents and grandparents who have shown the ability to act in the best interest
12 of the child and to encourage parents to share in the rights and responsibilities of raising
13 their children after such parents have separated or dissolved their marriage. The court shall
14 give priority to the physical custody and parental visitation of the children above and ahead
15 of any extracurricular activities of the children except for required and necessary health and
16 educational needs of the children."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.