

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SB 204:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments,  
3 orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, and hearings in criminal  
4 cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, so as to limit the scope  
5 of judgments or orders in child custody cases which are subject to direct appeal; to provide  
6 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and  
11 rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions  
12 not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, and hearings in criminal cases involving a  
13 capital offense for which death penalty is sought, is amended by revising paragraph (11) of  
14 subsection (a) as follows:

15 "(11) All judgments or orders in child custody cases ~~including, but not limited to,~~  
16 ~~awarding or, refusing to change, or modifying~~ child custody or holding or declining to  
17 hold persons in contempt of such child custody judgment or orders; and"

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
20 without such approval.

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.