

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-602(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-602.

(a) A court of equity has jurisdiction over the custody, guardianship, legitimation, maintenance, visitation and support of a child. In exercising its jurisdiction, the court may:

(1) Direct who shall have the custody or guardianship of a child;

(2) Determine the legitimacy of a child, pursuant to § 1-208 of the Estates and Trusts Article of this Code.

(3) Decide who shall be charged with the support and maintenance of a child, pendente lite or permanently;

(4) Determine who shall have visitation rights to a child, ~~INCLUDING ANY OF THE GRANDPARENTS OF THE CHILD IF THEY SO REQUEST AND IF THE DENIAL OF THEIR VISITATION RIGHTS IS AN ISSUE IN DISPUTE.~~ AT ANY TIME FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF A MARRIAGE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER A PETITION FOR REASONABLE VISITATION BY ONE OR MORE OF THE GRANDPARENTS OF A NATURAL OR ADOPTED CHILD OF THE PARTIES WHOSE MARRIAGE HAS BEEN TERMINATED, AND MAY GRANT SUCH VISITATION IF THE COURT BELIEVES IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD;  
or

(5) From time to time set aside or modify its decree or order concerning the child.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

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(Senate Bill 353)