



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB2889

by Rep. Dan Brady

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 5/607.5 new

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Provides that upon a motion by the parent who received orders for deployment, the court may delegate his or her visitation rights, or a portion of those rights, to a family member of that parent who has a substantial relationship with the child if the court determines that delegated visitation is in the best interests of the child. Provides that visitation rights delegated to a family member under the new provisions terminate upon: (1) the completion of the parent's deployment, in which case the previous custody or visitation order is reinstated; or (2) a showing that the delegated visitation is no longer in the best interests of the child. Provides that nothing in the new provisions increases the authority of a family member who is delegated visitation rights to seek separate visitation rights of the child. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of  
5 Marriage Act is amended by adding Section 607.5 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/607.5 new)

7 Sec. 607.5. Delegation of visitation rights to family  
8 member of parent to be deployed.

9 (a) Upon a motion by the parent who received orders for  
10 deployment, the court may delegate his or her visitation  
11 rights, or a portion of those rights, to a family member of  
12 that parent who has a substantial relationship with the child  
13 if the court determines that delegated visitation is in the  
14 best interests of the child.

15 (b) In determining whether visitation rights should be  
16 delegated to a family member under subsection (a) of this  
17 Section, the court shall consider the factors set forth in  
18 Section 602 of this Act.

19 (c) Visitation rights delegated to a family member under  
20 subsection (a) of this Section terminate upon:

21 (1) the completion of the parent's deployment, in which  
22 case the previous custody or visitation order is  
23 reinstated; or

1           (2) a showing that the delegated visitation is no  
2           longer in the best interests of the child.

3           (d) Nothing in this Section increases the authority of a  
4           family member who is delegated visitation rights under  
5           subsection (a) of this Section to seek separate visitation  
6           rights of the child under Section 602 of this Act.

7           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8           becoming law.