



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Proposed Bill No. 350**

LCO No. 539



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN  
THE EVENT OF INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 319a of the general statutes be amended to expedite the
- 2 hearing process for child custody proceedings, including temporary
- 3 custody proceedings, involving family members of children affected by
- 4 an intimate partner homicide, so as to provide the family members of
- 5 such children with a certain period of time to petition the Probate Court
- 6 to secure temporary guardianship of the children prior to the
- 7 Department of Children and Families initiating a custody proceeding in
- 8 any superior court for juvenile matters.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide enhanced legal protections for children in the event of  
intimate partner violence.