

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the right of certain persons to discipline a child.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 151.001, Family Code, is amended by  
5 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

6 (e) Only the following persons may use corporal punishment  
7 for the reasonable discipline of a child:

8 (1) a parent or grandparent of the child;

9 (2) a stepparent of the child who has the duty of  
10 control and reasonable discipline of the child; and

11 (3) an individual who is a guardian of the child and  
12 who has the duty of control and reasonable discipline of the child.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 383 was passed by the House on April 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 383 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Lacey Saw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 18 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Roger Williams

Secretary of State