



January 16, 2026

SENATE BILL No. 52

DIGEST OF SB 52 (Updated January 14, 2026 10:04 pm - DI 149)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Grandparent visitation. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee certain topics related to grandparent visitation rights.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

**Clark, Walker K,
Randolph Lonnie M**

December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 15, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) **The legislative**
2 **council is urged to assign to an appropriate study committee**
3 **during the 2026 interim the task of studying the following:**

4 (1) **Whether grandparent visitation rights should be expanded**
5 **to include a grandparent who has a demonstrable history of**
6 **meaningful contact with a child.**

7 (2) **The petition and civil procedure requirements for**
8 **expanding grandparent visitation rights.**

9 (b) **This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 52, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning family law and juvenile law.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 52 as introduced.)

CARRASCO, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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