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SENATE BILL No. 52

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM005202

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Study committee. Deletes the bill and replaces the bill with a noncode section that urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee certain topics related to grandparent visitation rights.

A BILL FOR AN ACT ~~to amend the Indiana Code~~ concerning family law and juvenile law.

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

1 SECTION 1. ~~IC 31-17-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS~~
2 ~~FOLLOWS~~[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]~~See. 1. (a) A child's~~
3 ~~grandparent may seek~~[(a) The legislative council is urged to assign
4 ~~to an appropriate study committee during the 2026 interim the task~~
5 ~~of studying the following:~~
6 (1) Whether grandparent] visitation rights ~~if:~~
7 ~~— (1) the child's parent is deceased;~~
8 ~~— (2) the marriage of the child's parents has been dissolved in~~
9 ~~Indiana; or~~
10 ~~— (3) subject to subsection (b), the child was born out of~~
11 ~~wedlock; or~~
12 ~~— (4) the grandparent has had~~[should be expanded to include
13 a grandparent who has a demonstrable history of
14 meaningful contact with ~~the~~[a] child.
15 ~~l(2) A court may not grant~~[The petition and
16 civil procedure requirements for expanding
17 grandparent] visitation rights~~to a paternal~~
18 ~~grandparent of a child who is born out of wedlock~~
19 ~~under subsection (a)(3) if the child's father has not~~

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1 ~~SECTION 4. IC 31-17-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2006,~~
2 ~~SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS~~
3 ~~{EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026}.~~ Sec. 4. A grandparent seeking
4 visitation rights shall file a petition requesting reasonable visitation
5 rights:
6 ~~(1) in a circuit, superior, or probate court of the county in~~
7 ~~which the child resides in a case described in section 1(a)(1),~~
8 ~~1(a)(3), 1(a)(4), or 10 of this chapter; or~~
9 ~~(2) in the court having jurisdiction over the dissolution of the~~
10 ~~parents' marriage in a case described in section 1(a)(2) of~~
11 ~~this chapter.> [~~
12 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**
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