

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 3433 General Bill, By Sinclair, Mahaffey and W.D. Smith

Summary: Court-ordered child contact for grandparents/others

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-1558 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR STANDING WHEREBY A GRANDPARENT OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WITH A PARENT-LIKE RELATIONSHIP WITH A CHILD MAY PETITION THE FAMILY COURT TO OBTAIN COURT-ORDERED CONTACT WITH THE CHILD; TO ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS WHICH MUST BE SATISFIED FOR THE COURT TO GRANT CONTACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARDED OF COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THAT SECTION TO SECTION 20-7-1558.

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