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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1839

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 9-13-103 TO  
9 AUTHORIZE REASONABLE VISITATION RIGHTS FOR GRANDPARENTS  
10 WHEN THE CHANCERY COURT FINDS VISITATION IS IN THE BEST  
11 INTERESTS OF THE GRANDCHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

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15 AUTHORIZE REASONABLE VISITATION RIGHTS  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-13-103 is hereby amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 "9-13-103. Visitation rights of grandparents.

23 (a)(1) Upon petition by a person properly before it, a chancery court  
24 of this state may grant grandparents and great-grandparents reasonable  
25 visitation rights with respect to their grandchild or grandchildren or  
26 great-grandchild or great-grandchildren.

27 (2) The visitation rights may only be granted when the court  
28 determines that such an order would be in the best interest and welfare of  
29 the minor.

30 (3) An order denying visitation rights to grandparents and  
31 great-grandparents shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for  
32 denial. An order denying visitation rights is a final order for purposes of  
33 appeal.

34 (b) If the court denies the petition requesting grandparent visitation  
35 rights and determines that the petition for grandparent visitation rights is



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