

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 563

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5 By: Senator Bledsoe
6 By: Representative D. Hutchinson

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT CONCERNING GRANDPARENT AND GREAT-
11 GRANDPARENT VISITATION RIGHTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE
12 ADOPTION OF THE CHILD BY A STEPPARENT; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 CONCERNING GRANDPARENT AND GREAT-
16 GRANDPARENT VISITATION RIGHTS SUBSEQUENT
17 TO THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD BY A
18 STEPPARENT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-103(b), concerning visitation rights
25 of grandparents and great-grandparents when the child is in the custody of a
26 parent, is amended to read as follows:

27 (b)(1) A grandparent or great-grandparent may petition a circuit court
28 of this state for reasonable visitation rights with respect to his or her
29 grandchild or grandchildren or great-grandchild or great-grandchildren under
30 this section if:

31 ~~(1)~~(A) The marital relationship between the parents of the
32 child has been severed by death, divorce, or legal separation;

33 ~~(2)~~(B) The child is illegitimate and the petitioner is a
34 maternal grandparent of the illegitimate child; or

35 ~~(3)~~(C) The child is illegitimate, the petitioner is a
36 paternal grandparent of the illegitimate child, and paternity has been



1 established by a court of competent jurisdiction.

2 (2) The right of a petitioning grandparent or great-grandparent
3 is not terminated by the subsequent adoption of the child by a stepparent.

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