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SENATE FILE 500

BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

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Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 90 Nays 13  
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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to visitation rights.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
- 3 Section 1. NEW SECTION. The grandparents, by consan-
- 4 guinity, of a child may petition the district court for grand-
- 5 child visitation rights when:
- 6 1. The parents of the child are divorced, or
- 7 2. A petition for dissolution of marriage has been filed
- 8 by one of the parents of the child, or
- 9 3. The parent of the child, who is the child of the grand-
- 10 parents, has died, or
- 11 4. The child has been placed in a foster home.
- 12 A petition for grandchild visitation rights shall be granted
- 13 only upon a finding that the visitation is in the best
- 14 interests of the child.

### EXPLANATION

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16 This bill provides that grandparents, by blood, may peti-  
17 tion for child visitation rights in certain instances. The  
18 visitation rights may be granted only upon a finding that  
19 it is in the best interests of the child.

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S-2020

1 Amend Senate File 500, page 1, lines 3 and 4 by striking the  
2 words",by consanguinity".

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H-2429

1 Amend Senate File 500, as passed by the Senate,  
2 page 1, by striking lines 9 and 10.

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