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HUMAN RESOURCES

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(COMPANION TO LSB 3900SS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to grandparent and great-grandparent visitation
2 rights.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 598.35, subsection 6, Code Supplement
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 6. The paternity of a child born out of wedlock is
4 judicially established and the grandparent of the child is the
5 parent of the mother or father of the child or the great-
6 grandparent of the child is the grandparent of the mother or
7 father of the child and the mother of the child has custody of
8 the child, or the grandparent of a child born out of wedlock
9 is the parent of the mother or father of the child or the
10 great-grandparent of the child is the grandparent of the
11 mother or father of the child and custody has been awarded to
12 the father of the child.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that the parent of the mother or father
15 of a child born out of wedlock or the grandparent of the
16 mother or father of a child born out of wedlock may petition
17 the court for visitation rights whether child custody has been
18 awarded to the mother or father of the child.

19 Visitation is only granted if it is in the best interest of
20 the child and the grandparent or great-grandparent has
21 established a substantive relationship with the child before
22 filing the petition.

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