Senate Study Bill 3143 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON KREIMAN)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to grandparents' rights to receive notice
- 2 regarding child in need of assistance and related reviews
- 3 and proceedings.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.88, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 232.88 Summons, notice, subpoenas, and service.

After a petition has been filed, the court shall issue and 5 serve summons, subpoenas, and other process in the same manner 6 as for adjudicatory hearings in cases of juvenile delinquency 7 as provided in section 232.37. Reasonable notice shall be 8 provided to the persons required to be provided notice under 9 section 232.37 and to the child's known grandparents, except 10 that notice shall be waived regarding a person who was notified 11 of the adjudicatory hearing and who failed to appear. In 12 addition, reasonable notice for any hearing under this division 13 shall be provided to the agency, facility, institution, 14 or person, including a foster parent, relative, or other 15 individual providing preadoptive care, with whom a child has 16 been placed.

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EXPLANATION

18 This bill includes a child's known grandparents among the 19 persons who are required to be provided notice of child in need 20 of assistance proceedings under Code section 232.88. Under 21 current law, by reference to Code section 232.37, the list of 22 such persons is as follows: the person who has custody or 23 control of the child, the child's known parents, guardians, or 24 legal custodians if different from the person who has custody 25 or control, the child, and the child's guardian ad litem, if 26 any.

The bill also entitles a child's known grandparents to be heard in other related review or hearing involving the child pursuant to Code section 232.91.

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