

**House File 2423 - Introduced**

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BY CROKEN and BROWN-POWERS

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act allowing a court to grant a grandparent or
- 2 great-grandparent visitation rights of a child in certain
- 3 circumstances.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 600C.1, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
2 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 Under current law, if a parent of a child is deceased, a court  
7 may enter an order granting visitation rights with the child to  
8 the child's grandparent or great-grandparent (grandparent) if the  
9 court finds such visitation is in the child's best interests;  
10 the grandparent and the child have a substantial established  
11 relationship prior to the grandparent petitioning for visitation  
12 rights; and the surviving parent is either unfit to make a  
13 decision regarding such visitation or the parent's judgment has  
14 been impaired and the benefits the child would receive from  
15 visitation greatly outweigh the effects such visitation would  
16 have on the child's parent-child relationship.

17 This bill eliminates the requirement that a parent must be  
18 unfit to make a decision regarding grandparent visitation or that  
19 the parent's judgment must be impaired and the benefits the child  
20 would receive from visitation greatly outweigh the effects such  
21 visitation would have on the child's parent-child relationship.