

Senate File 2247 - Reprinted

SENATE FILE 2247
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 281)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 12, 2018)

A BILL FOR

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

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

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1 Section 1. Section 600C.1, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. If a party objects to the petition
4 filed under this section, the court shall stay the proceedings
5 and refer the parties to mediation. If an agreement is reached
6 through mediation, the parties shall file the signed agreement
7 with the court for approval, and the court shall dismiss the
8 petition. If an agreement is not reached through mediation,
9 the parties shall proceed to a hearing on the petition unless
10 the petition is otherwise dismissed or withdrawn. The costs of
11 mediation provided under this subsection shall be borne by the
12 petitioner.