

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26872

This bill replaces the current section on grandparent visitation rights in Idaho Code § 32-719, with a new section § 32-720 on grandparent visitation rights with a more clearly defined procedure for this process. The new section does four things: first, it defines the circumstances under which a grandparent or great-grandparent may petition for visitation rights. Second, it sets up the rebuttable presumption in favor of a parent's decision with regards to grandparent visitation. Third, it sets the conditions under which that presumption may be rebutted. Finally, it sets up the conditions that constitute the child's best interests if the presumption is rebutted.

FISCAL NOTE

Because this is a clarification of current statute there should be no fiscal impact to the General Fund or to county or other local government funds.

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