

**ADOPTED**

Representatives Strickland of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Weldon of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Willard of the 51<sup>st</sup> offer the following amendment:

1 *Amend the House Committee on Juvenile Justice substitute to HB 229 (LC 29 7007S) by*  
2 *replacing line 2 with the following:*

3 so as to change provisions relating to a grandparent's right to intervention in certain domestic  
4 relation cases; to allow for intervention by great-grandparents and

5 *By replacing lines 23 through 33 with the following:*

6 (b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, ~~any~~:

7 (A) Any grandparent shall have the right to file an original action for visitation rights  
8 to a minor child ~~or~~; and

9 (B) Any family member shall have the right to intervene in and seek to obtain  
10 visitation rights in any action in which any court in this state shall have before it any  
11 question concerning the custody of a minor child, a divorce of the parents or a parent  
12 of such minor child, a termination of the parental rights of either parent of such minor  
13 child, or visitation rights concerning such minor child or whenever there has been an  
14 adoption in which the adopted child has been adopted by the child's blood relative or  
15 by a stepparent, notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 19-8-19.

16 (2) This subsection shall not authorize an original action ~~where~~ when the parents of the  
17 minor child are not separated and the child is living with both parents.

18 *By replacing lines 54 through 57 with the following:*

19 (2) An original action requesting visitation rights shall not be filed by any grandparent  
20 more than once during any two-year period and shall not be filed during any year in  
21 which another custody action has been filed concerning the child. After visitation rights  
22 have been granted to any grandparent, the legal

23 *By replacing lines 79 through 81 with the following:*

24 the parent of the deceased, incapacitated, or incarcerated parent of such minor child  
25 reasonable visitation to such child during his or her minority if the court in its discretion  
26 finds that such