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## DIGEST

Broome (SB 578)

<u>Present law</u> provides that a grandparent not granted custody of a child may be granted reasonable visitation rights if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes phrase "not granted custody of a child" and retains remainder of <u>present</u> <u>law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides that before making this determination, the court shall hold a contradictory hearing as provided for in <u>present law</u> in order to determine whether the court should appoint an attorney to represent the child.

<u>Present law</u> provides that under extraordinary circumstances, any other relative, by blood or affinity, or a former stepparent or stepgrandparent, not granted custody of the child may be granted reasonable visitation rights if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes phrase "not granted custody of the child" and retains remainder of <u>present</u> law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amend C.C. Art. 136(B) and (C))