

SENATE BILL NO. 578

BY SENATOR BROOME

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 136(B) and (C), relative to children; to provide  
3 relative to an award of visitation rights to a grandparent and certain other persons;  
4 to provide certain procedures and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Civil Code Article 136(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
7 read as follows:

8 Art. 136. Award of visitation rights

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10 B. A grandparent ~~not granted custody of a child~~ may be granted reasonable  
11 visitation rights if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child. Before  
12 making this determination, the court shall hold a contradictory hearing as provided  
13 for in R.S. 9:345 in order to determine whether the court should appoint an attorney  
14 to represent the child.

15 C. Under extraordinary circumstances, any other relative, by blood or  
16 affinity, or a former stepparent or stepgrandparent, ~~not granted custody of the child~~  
17 may be granted reasonable visitation rights if the court finds that it is in the best  
18 interest of the child. Extraordinary circumstances shall include a determination by  
19 a court that a parent is abusing a controlled dangerous substance.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_