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H 1426. GRANDPARENT VISITATION BY SPECIAL PROCEEDING. *TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL PROCEEDING WHEREBY THE GRANDPARENT OF A MINOR CHILD MAY OBTAIN VISITATION RIGHTS OR CUSTODY WITH RESPECT TO THE CHILD.* Enacts new GS 50-13.5(k) authorizing grandparents to initiate special proceeding seeking visitation rights with respect to minor child residing in NC. Subsection applies if either or both of child's parents are deceased or "where circumstances show that conditions exist where equity would see fit to intervene." Also authorizes grandparent of minor child residing in NC to bring special proceeding seeking custody of child based on extraordinary circumstances regarding the minor child (including an extended disruption of custody, as defined in act).

Intro. by Culp.

Ref. to Judiciary II

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