

SENATE BILL No. 262

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning children; relating to grandparent custody, visitation
2 and residency.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of other statutes, when
6 a child is removed from the custody of a parent, any grandparent shall
7 receive preference when evaluating what custody, visitation or residency
8 arrangements are in the best interests of the child.

9 (b) In deciding whether to give custody to a grandparent, the court
10 should be guided by the best interests of the child and should consider all
11 relevant factors including, but not limited to, the following:

12 (1) The wishes of the parents, child and grandparent;

13 (2) the extent to which the grandparent has cared for, nurtured and
14 supported the child;

15 (3) the intent and circumstances under which the child is placed with
16 the grandparent, including whether domestic violence is a factor and
17 whether the child is placed to allow the parent to seek work or attend
18 school; and

19 (4) the physical and mental health of all individuals involved.

20 (c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the revised
21 Kansas code for care of children.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
23 publication in the statute book.

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