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Senate Bill 470

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to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §48-10-203 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and
 2 to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-10-204, all relating
 3 to creating visitation rights for certain great-grandparents; and defining “grandchild”.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §48-10-203 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
 2 reenacted; and that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-10-
 3 204, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. GRANDPARENT VISITATION.

§48-10-203. Grandparent defined.

1 "Grandparent" means a biological grandparent, a biological great-grandparent, a person
 2 married or previously married to a biological grandparent or great-grandparent, or a person who
 3 has previously been granted custody of the parent of a minor child with whom visitation is sought.

§48-10-204. Grandchild defined.

1 "Grandchild" means a child that meets the relationship qualifications with a grandparent
 2 as defined under section two-hundred three of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow great-grandparents to be included as persons able to obtain visitation rights.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.