

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 2166

By Delegate Keaton

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Senior, Children, and Family Issues
then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §48-10-501 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
 2 relating to making the best interest of the child the sole consideration in granting
 3 grandparent visitation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 10. GRANDPARENT VISITATION.

§48-10-501. Necessary findings for grant of reasonable visitation to a grandparent.

1 The circuit court or family court shall grant reasonable visitation to a grandparent upon a
 2 the sole finding that visitation would be in the best interests of the child. ~~and would not substantially~~
 3 ~~interfere~~ with ~~the~~ parent-child ~~relationship~~

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make the best interest of the child to be the sole consideration in granting grandparent visitation.

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