

CHAPTER NO. 452

SENATE BILL NO. 2316

By Clabough

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2425

By Overbey, McCord, Patton, Walker, Hawk, Harry Brooks, Pleasant, Davis, Brenda Turner, Gresham, Towns, Russell Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306, relative to grandparents' rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (4); by deleting the period "." at the end of subdivision (5) and by substituting instead the punctuation and word "; or"; and by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated section:

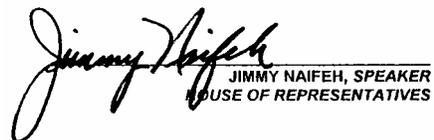
(6) The child and the grandparent maintained a significant existing relationship for a period of twelve (12) months or more immediately preceding severance of the relationship, this relationship was severed by the parent or parents for reasons other than abuse or presence of a danger of substantial harm to the child, and severance of this relationship is likely to occasion substantial emotional harm to the child

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 11, 2004


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of March 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR