

# Legislative Analysis

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## **REVISE GRANDPARENT RIGHTS IN STEPPARENT ADOPTIONS**

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### **Senate Bill 420**

**Sponsor: Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman**

**House Committee: Judiciary**

**Senate Committee: Judiciary**

**Complete to 6-13-06**

### **A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 420 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 6-7-06**

Under provisions of the Child Custody Act, adoption of a child by a stepparent under the Michigan Adoption Code does not terminate the right of a grandparent to commence an action for grandparenting time with that child.

Senate Bill 420 would amend the Child Custody Act so that the right to commence an action for grandparenting time with a child adopted by a stepparent would apply only to a grandparent who was the parent of a deceased parent of the child.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5602 which would amend the Michigan Adoption Code to make an exception to a provision under which an adoptee was no longer the heir of a parent whose parental rights had been terminated. The bill also would revise language concerning grandparenting time proceedings.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would have no fiscal implications for the state or local units of government.

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