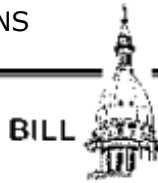




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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 420 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Irma Clark-Coleman
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Section 7b of the Child Custody Act to limit grandparenting time actions in stepparent adoption situations to grandparents whose own child is deceased.

Under Section 7b, the adoption of a child or placement of a child for adoption terminates the right of a grandparent to commence an action for grandparenting time with the child. Adoption by a stepparent, however, does not terminate the right of a grandparent to bring an action for grandparenting time. Under the bill, instead, adoption by a stepparent would not terminate the right of a parent of a deceased parent of the child to bring an action for grandparenting time.

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 is no longer the heir of a parent whose parental rights have been terminated. House Bill 5602 (S-1) also would delete a provision that allows a parent of a natural parent, while a stepparent adoption proceeding is pending, to seek an order for grandparenting time of the adoptee as set forth in Section 7b of the Child Custody Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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