

# Legislative Analysis



## GREAT-GRANDPARENTING TIME

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**House Bills 4215, 4216 and 4217 as introduced**

**Sponsor: Rep. Brad Paquette**

**Committee: Families and Veterans**

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## SUMMARY:

**House Bill 4217** would amend the Child Custody Act to define the term *great grandparent* (a natural or adoptive parent of a child's natural or adoptive grandparent). The bill would allow great grandparents to seek a court order providing for great grandparenting time in provisions that now allow grandparents to seek a grandparenting time order under the act.

MCL 722.22, 722.27, and 722.27b

**House Bill 4215** would amend the Revised Judicature Act to add a reference to great-grandparenting time orders to a provision that now refers to grandparenting time orders.

600.1035

**House Bill 4216** would amend Chapter X of the Probate Code to add a reference to great-grandparenting time orders to a provision that now refers to grandparenting time orders.

MCL 710.60

House Bills 4215 and 4216 cannot take effect unless House Bill 4217 is enacted.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no fiscal impact on the state but may increase costs to local circuit courts and Friends of the Court. The bills would include great grandparents as parties who may petition the court for a parenting-time order, which could result in an increase in court caseloads. The magnitude of the fiscal impact on local court systems is currently indeterminate and would depend on how court caseloads and related administrative costs are affected.

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