

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 957

HOUSE BILL NO. 2700

By Representatives Dennis, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3036

By Senators Faulk, Overbey, Black, Ford, Haynes, Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to visitation rights of grandparents.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(4):

(4) For the purposes of this section, if the child's parent is deceased and the grandparent seeking visitation is the parent of that deceased parent, there shall be a rebuttable presumption of substantial harm to the child based upon the cessation of the relationship between the child and grandparent.

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: May 6, 2010


KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR