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**HOUSE BILL 1128
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/23/03**

Short Title: Grandparent Visitation.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE ISSUE OF GRANDPARENT VISITATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of grandparent visitation rights. In conducting this study, the Commission may consider the following:

- (1) Whether grandparents should have a right of action for court-ordered visitation with grandchildren independent of whether a divorce or custody action has been filed;
- (2) Whether there should be a rebuttable presumption in the law that visitation with grandparents promotes the best interest of the grandchild;
- (3) What remedies other than contempt should be established to ensure that court-ordered grandparent visitation is enforced;
- (4) Whether there should be established in each judicial district an expedited process for enforcing visitation orders; and
- (5) Any other issues related to grandparent visitation matters.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.