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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to grandparent visitation; amending s.
3 752.01, F.S.; providing additional grounds for
4 awarding a grandparent visitation with a grandchild;
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 752.01, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 752.01 Action by grandparent for right of visitation; when
12 petition shall be granted.—

13 (1) The court shall, upon petition filed by a grandparent
14 of a minor child, award reasonable rights of visitation to the
15 grandparent with respect to the child if ~~when~~ it is in the best
16 interest of the minor child and ~~if~~:

17 (a) The marriage of the parents of the child has been
18 dissolved;

19 (b) The parent of the child who is the son or daughter of
20 the grandparent is deceased and the grandparent had a
21 relationship with the child before the death of the parent;

22 (c) ~~(b)~~ A parent of the child has deserted the child; or

23 (d) ~~(c)~~ The minor child was born out of wedlock and not
24 later determined to be a child born within wedlock as provided
25 in s. 742.091.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.