

1975 Senate Bill 11

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CHAPTER 122, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to amend 247.24 (1); and to create 880.155 of the statutes, relating to visitation privileges of grandparents.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 247.24 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

247.24 (1) In rendering a judgment of annulment, divorce or legal separation, the court may ~~make~~:

(a) Make such further provisions therein as it deems just and reasonable concerning the care, custody, maintenance and education of the minor children of the parties, ~~and give~~.

(b) Give the care and custody of the children of such marriage to one of the parties to the action, or, if the interest of any such child demands it, and if the court finds either that the parents are unable to adequately care for any such child or are not fit and proper persons to have the care and custody thereof, may declare such child a dependent and give the care and custody of such child to a relative (as defined in ch.

48) of the child, a county agency specified in s. 48.56 (1), a licensed child welfare agency, or the department of health and social services. The charges for such care shall be pursuant to the procedure under s. 48.27.

(c) Grant reasonable visitation privileges to a grandparent of any minor child if the court determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the child and issue any necessary order to enforce the same.

SECTION 2. 880.155 of the statutes is created to read:

880.155 Visitation by grandparents. If one or both parents of a minor child is deceased and the minor is in the custody of the surviving parent or any other person, any grandparent of the minor may petition for visitation privileges with respect to the minor, whether or not the person with custody is married. The court may grant reasonable visitation privileges to a grandparent if the court determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the child, may issue any necessary order to enforce the same, and may from time to time modify such privileges or orders upon a showing of good cause.
