GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1995

H HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

Sponsors: Representatives Mitchell; Culpepper, Buchanan, and Gardner.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar & Operations of the House.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF GRANDPARENT VISITATION. 2 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: 3 4 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of grandparent visitation rights. In conducting this study, the Commission may consider 5 the following: 6 7 (1) Whether grandparents should have a right of action for court ordered 8 visitation with grandchildren independent of whether a divorce or custody action has been filed; 9 Whether there should be a rebuttable presumption in the law that 10 (2) visitation with grandparents promotes the best interest of the 11 grandchild; 12 What remedies other than contempt should be established to ensure 13 (3) 14 that court ordered grandparent visitation is enforced; Whether there should be established in each judicial district an 15 (4) expedited process for enforcing visitation orders; and 16

Any other issues related to grandparent visitation matters.

Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.