

1 HB118
2 205225-2
3 By Representatives Drummond, Warren, Forte, Clarke, Lawrence,
4 Hollis, Isbell, Dismukes, Fincher, Stringer and Brown (C)
5 RFD: Judiciary
6 First Read: 04-FEB-20

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to adoption; to amend Section 26-10A-30,
9 Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for post-adoption rights to
10 visitation, contact, and communication under certain
11 conditions.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
14 as Caleb's Law.

15 Section 2. Section 26-10A-30, Code of Alabama 1975,
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 "§26-10A-30.

18 "(a) Post-adoption visitation rights for the natural
19 grandparents of the adoptee may be granted when the adoptee is
20 adopted by a stepparent, a grandfather, a grandmother, a
21 brother, a half-brother, a sister, a half-sister, an aunt or
22 an uncle and their respective spouses, if any. ~~Such~~ The
23 visitation rights may be maintained or granted at the
24 discretion of the court at any time prior to or after the
25 final order of adoption is entered upon petition by the
26 natural grandparents, if it is in the best interest of the
27 child.

1 "(b) Post-adoption rights to visitation, contact, or
2 communication may be granted between an adoptive child and his
3 or her biological siblings when all of the following
4 conditions are met:

5 "(1) The prospective adoptive parents agree to the
6 visitation, contact, or communication and the agreement is
7 expressed in writing to the probate court.

8 "(2) The legal parents or legal guardians of the
9 biological siblings consent to the agreement in an affidavit
10 that is submitted to the probate court.

11 "(3) The probate court determines that the
12 visitation, contact, or communication is in the best interest
13 of the adoptive child."

14 Section 3. This act shall become effective
15 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
16 its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 85, Nays 8, Abstains 9

Jeff Woodard
Clerk