

HB 1353 -- GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS

SPONSOR: Beard

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill allows the court to order visitation between a minor who has been appointed a guardian and the minor's parents if the minor's parents petition the court for periods of visitation and if the court finds that the visitation is in the best interest of the minor, as specified.

This bill is the same as HB 287 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this fixes a problem in law that has been a problem for a long time. Judges do not currently have the option to allow such visitation.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Beard.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.