

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 132

BY SENATOR MORRELL

CHILDREN. Prohibits visitation rights between a family member and a child if the court finds that the family member's criminal conduct resulted in the death of a parent of the child.
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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 9:344(E), relative to visitation rights; to prohibit visitation rights of a family
3 member in certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:344(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §344. Visitation rights of grandparents and siblings

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9 **E. The court shall prohibit visitation between a family member and a**
10 **child, if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the family**
11 **member's criminal conduct resulted in the death of a parent of the child.**

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Angela Lockett De Jean. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

Morrell (SB 132)

Proposed law provides that the court shall prohibit visitation between a family member and a child, if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the family member's criminal conduct resulted in the death of a parent of the child.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 9:344(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateSenate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Prohibits visitation if the court finds that a family member's criminal conduct resulted in the death of a parent of the child.