

HOUSE BILL 2467

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36  
and Title 37, relative to the visitation of certain  
children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) If a petition for grandparent visitation is filed and the custodial parents are notified, the parents shall have three (3) days from notification to file an answer to the petition with the court. The answer shall contain any affidavits and documentation in opposition to conducting a hearing and the renewal of grandparent visitation.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if after reviewing the custodial parent's answer, the court has probable cause to believe that both of the following conditions occurred, the court shall deny the grandparents petition and there shall be no hearing:

(A) The custodial parents reside together and the decision to terminate the grandparent's visitation was both mutual and joint; and

(B) At least one (1) of the grandparents subjected one (1) or more of the children for which the petition seeks visitation to physical, emotional, or sexual abuse on more than one (1) occasion.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.