

HB 2146 -- GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS

SPONSOR: Beard

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 8 to 0.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill allows visitation between a parent and a child when the parent has been adjudged unfit to parent the child, and a guardian has been appointed. Currently, the guardianship statutes do not allow for any type of parental visitation. This allows the courts to make an order of visitation when it is in the best interests of the child.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Beard.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.