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1 AN ACT Relating to granting custody of children to grandparents;
2 and amending RCW 26.10.100.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.10.100 and 1987 c 460 s 38 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The court shall determine custody in accordance with the best
7 interests of the child.

8 (2) It is presumed to be in the best interest of a child for the
9 grandparent or grandparents of the child to receive custody of the
10 child if the child is abandoned and left in the physical custody of the
11 grandparent or grandparents by the parents of the child with no
12 physical contact between the parents and the child for one year or
13 more, or with only casual physical contact between the parents and
14 child for eighteen months or more.

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