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Brief Title: Changing visitation rights in nonparental actions for child custody.

**HB 1773.E - DIGEST**

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Provides that the court may order visitation between the petitioner or intervenor and the child between whom a significant relationship exists upon a finding supported by the preponderance of the evidence that the visitation is in the child's best interests and that denial of visitation would result in a substantial likelihood of harm to the child's physical, mental, or emotional well-being.

Declares that, if the court grants visitation under this act, the court shall ensure that the visitation time granted is divided between the primary residential parent and the nonprimary residential parent in an amount proportionate to the time awarded each parent under the parenting plan, unless such arrangement is found by the court not to be in the best interest of the child in maintaining contact with both parents.