

Why do Women support HB 803?

Equal Parenting
Bill

"When I was Active Duty, 50/50 took stress off, making me a better Mom and a better NCO. It gave me peace of mind that my son was with the best possible caregiver when he wasn't with me - his father." – 50/50 Air Force Veteran

"I couldn't take the promotion that required travel without Equal Shared Parenting." – 50/50 Parent

"My grandson gets to spend time with us and enjoy our family traditions, just like every other kid." – 50/50 Grandmother

"It gives a judge time to focus on the cases where children are in danger. Children, like mine, would not be pushed through quickly because there are too many cases on the docket." – Domestic Violence Survivor

"Discourages abuse through alienation and codependency by balancing the child's time with both parents." – Childhood Parental Alienation Survivor

WeathySingleMommy.com survey shows how Equal Shared Parenting improves women's lives:

- **9 out of 10** Moms said they could earn more money if they had more equality in their parenting time.
- Mom's with Equal parenting per the survey are:
 - o **54%** more likely to earn at least \$100,000
 - o More than **3 times** more likely to \$100,000 than moms with 100% of time with their kids
 - o More than **2 times** as likely to earn \$65,000 +
 - o **34%** more likely to feel positively toward their parenting than moms with 100% time with their kids

Equal Shared Parenting has been linked to:

- Improved Academic achievement
- Lessened use of drug, alcohol and cigarettes
- Improved mental, emotional, and physical health
- Lessened early sexual activity
- Lower likelihood of a teen pregnancy
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- Higher education and employment / earnings later in life
- Greater likelihood of family stability in children's adulthood
- Better relationships with parents, step-parents, and grandparents

High Conflict Situations have shown the same results

Kentucky is the only state with a rebuttal presumption of shared parenting. The numbers are in and Kentucky's children are benefiting from lowered family court cases and filing related to Domestic Violence in the family.

HB 803 does NOT impact child support

Child Support is a separate section of the Family Code. At a flat rate percentage overnights or parenting time does not lower or raise support payments.

HB 803 does NOT allow equal access to abusers

The last thing anyone wants to do is endanger victims of Domestic Violence or abuse. HB 803 would not allow any parent that did not qualify for Managing Conservatorship under the current code to have Equal Shared Parenting.

Women of Texas Support HB 803 –

FOR TEXAS CHILDREN, MOMS, & DADS

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Texas Family Code – Hurts Women

The Family Code puts Custodial Mothers at a disadvantage by placing most of the parenting role and burdens on mothers

Per the TX OAG – **92.47%** of all Custodial Parents in TX are **Women**

The State of Texas SPO / EPO Standards tell custodial moms the following –

- To be a good mom , they must shoulder the burden of excessive rights and duties (i.e. calling in sick, doctor's appointments, school meetings, parent volunteer, play dates, extracurricular activities, homework, discipline, safety & welfare)
- Custody arrangements OUTSIDE of the SPO / EPO are considered abnormal (i.e. will they be viewed as "bad" mothers for going outside the standard)
- Custody arrangements OUTSIDE of SPO / EPO must not be in the child's best interest or the law would reflect that as the starting point (i.e. The state should advice the best starting point for children following current studies on development.)
- Putting children first and opting for a nonstandard parenting plan is extremely costly (i.e. Cost of parenting class, required mediation for nonstandard agreement, lawyer fees, GAL)

In 2017 a 50/50 Parenting Family spent **\$13,000** to document their already used and agreed to nonstandard parenting plan per the procedures in the Family Code.

Per Motherly.com in 2018 –

Dads now spend 3 times as much time with their kids than previous generations

Support working mothers by changing the laws to support them & their relationship with their children–

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