



Florida Equal Shared Parenting Act A New Start at Equality

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Re: Request to strengthen Florida's existing equal-time-sharing presumption

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support the Florida Equal Shared Parenting Act.

Florida law now recognizes a rebuttable presumption that equal time-sharing is in a child's best interests, and the presumption may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence. This proposal would strengthen that existing framework rather than duplicate it. When both parents are fit, willing, able, and geographically capable of sharing parenting time, a material departure from equal time-sharing would require clear and convincing evidence and specific written findings.

The measure could define substantially equal time-sharing as each parent receiving at least 45 percent of annual overnights, while allowing practical adjustments for school schedules, holidays, distance, and the child's individual needs. Existing safety protections for domestic violence, abuse, neglect, substance misuse, or other demonstrated harm must remain fully available, and courts must retain authority to order a different schedule when supported by the required evidence.

A stronger and more reviewable presumption would promote predictable outcomes, reduce strategic litigation, and protect children's meaningful relationships with both fit parents. Please consider sponsoring this proposal. I would welcome a brief call with you or your staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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