



Florida Family Rights and Due Process Act

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Re: Request to sponsor stronger due-process protections in proceedings affecting parent-child rights

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support the Florida Family Rights and Due Process Act.

Orders that materially restrict a parent-child relationship can alter a child's life long before meaningful appellate review is available. This proposal would require a heightened evidentiary safeguard before a court substantially limits the rights of a parent who has not been found unfit. It would also require prompt written findings that identify the material evidence, resolve disputed facts, and explain the legal basis for the ruling.

The legislation should preserve emergency authority when a child faces an immediate safety risk, while requiring prompt notice, an evidentiary hearing, and reviewable findings. For nonemergency final restrictions, the proposed clear-and-convincing standard would reduce the risk that major family consequences rest on marginal, speculative, or internally conflicting proof. A meaningful appellate remedy should be available when required findings are omitted.

This is a due-process and accountability reform, not a limitation on legitimate child protection. Please consider introducing a carefully drafted version of this proposal and consulting the appropriate Florida court and legislative committees. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss it with you or your staff in a brief call.

Respectfully submitted,

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