



Florida Reimbursement of Fees and Costs for Parental Alienating Conduct Act

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Re: Request to sponsor targeted cost reimbursement after proven interference with a parent-child relationship

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support legislation requiring reimbursement of fees and remedial costs after a court makes specific findings of parental alienating conduct.

Florida courts already have general authority to award attorney's fees in Chapter 61 cases. This proposal would create a focused remedy when a party intentionally and without proper cause engages in conduct that substantially interferes with a child's relationship with the other parent, and that conduct forces the targeted parent to incur expenses to restore the relationship.

After notice and an evidentiary hearing, the court would identify the proven conduct and causal connection, then order reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and necessary costs such as supervised visitation, reunification services, counseling, parenting coordination, guardians ad litem, or evaluations required to remedy the harm. The bill should include clear definitions, proportionality, ability-to-pay safeguards, and protection for good-faith safety reports so that the remedy is not misused.

A carefully limited reimbursement rule would place avoidable costs on the party whose proven conduct caused them, deter future interference, and preserve resources for the child's needs. Please consider sponsoring this proposal. I would welcome a brief call with you or your staff.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR FULL NAME

YOUR STREET ADDRESS

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