

Recent State Family Law Reforms

This document provides a quick, easy-to-read summary of states that have recently reformed their family law, particularly around custody, parenting time, and parentage. Each bullet highlights the state and the key reform.

- **Missouri:** In 2023, SB 35 created a presumption that equal parenting time is in the child's best interest.
- **Florida:** New laws presume equal shared parenting in divorces and give unmarried fathers stronger rights once paternity is established.
- **Kentucky:** HB 528 (2018) made equal shared parenting the presumption in final custody orders.
- **Arkansas:** SB 18 created a presumption of equal shared parenting.
- **West Virginia:** Senate Bill 463 established a presumption of equal shared parenting.
- **New Hampshire:** 2024 law encourages approximately equal parenting time; judges must explain if not granted.
- **Utah:** 'Om's Law' (2024) added stronger protections in custody cases involving domestic violence.
- **Massachusetts:** Parentage Act (effective Jan 1, 2025) ensures gender-neutral and equal recognition of parents.
- **Minnesota:** 2024 updates encourage frequent contact with each parent and promote shared rights and duties.