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Advocating for Equal Parenting and Family Law Reform

Proposed Bill: Texas Equal Parenting and Family Law Reform Act

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AN ACT

relating to establishing equal parenting rights, preventing discrimination in custody decisions, and addressing parental alienation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. EQUAL PARENTING STANDARD.

(a) In all suits affecting the parent–child relationship, it shall be presumed that equal parenting time (50/50 custody) is in the best interest of the child.

(b) This presumption may be rebutted only upon clear and convincing evidence that equal parenting would endanger the physical or emotional well-being of the child.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION ON SEX-BASED BIAS.

No court shall consider the sex of a parent in determining custody, visitation, or parental rights.

SECTION 3. PARENTAL ALIENATION.

(a) Acts of intentional interference with the relationship between a parent and child, including repeated false allegations, manipulation, or obstruction of court-ordered visitation, shall be classified as Parental Alienation.

(b) Parental Alienation is hereby established as a Class C misdemeanor under Texas law.

SECTION 4. EQUAL DECISION-MAKING.

Courts shall recognize both parents as equal decision-makers regarding the education, medical care, religious upbringing, and general welfare of the child, unless otherwise restricted for cause.

SECTION 5. PURPOSE.

This Act shall be known as the Texas Equal Parenting and Family Law Reform Act, intended to strengthen family integrity, protect constitutional rights, and ensure children have access to both parents.