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Judiciary Committee  
1 Capitol Square  
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Dear sirs,

Chairman, Bacon, Vice Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas, Members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak concerning SB 125.

My name is Frank Glandorf, as a former obligor, I'm here to oppose SB 125 in its current form. I'd like the committee to strengthen aspects child support law with respect to shared parenting time. My son was under the child support enforcement agency for nearly a decade. He enjoyed nearly 50/50 parenting time with both his mother and father. Currently he is enrolled as an honor student at the Ohio State University. One might consider him a success of shared parenting. However the divorce process was not easy. It lasted for thirty months and consumed nearly seventy thousand dollars in legal fees.

The magistrate involved in our case struggled with both the concept of shared parenting and its implications for child support. Ambiguities and misincentives in the current law are the primary cause. Ohio is largely a winner take all state. It is assumed that all the costs of child rearing are carried by a single parent. Unfortunately SB 125 does little to ease the magistrate's dilemma.

*Sec. 3119.231.*

*If court-ordered parenting time is equal to or exceeds one hundred forty-seven overnights per year, the court shall consider a substantial deviation.*

The law offers no guidance in what constitutes a "substantial deviation". This will lead to lengthy and costly court battles. For less overnights the SB 125 creates a cliff edge effect.

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*Sec. 3119.051. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a court or child support enforcement agency calculating the amount to be paid under a child support order shall reduce by ten per cent the amount of the annual individual support obligation for the parent or parents when a court has issued or is issuing a court-ordered parenting time order that equals or exceeds ninety overnights per year .*

The department recommends a rather small ten percent reduction in annual individual support obligation for the parent. Instead of a cliff edge, there should be a gradual reduction in the total support for both parents. Otherwise there is a large incentive to reduce the overnights below ninety.

It is my understanding that Donald Hubin of the National Parents Organization has offered specific amendments to improve SB 125.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Sincerely,



Frank Glandorf