

This bill does not limit judges discretion which is the main problem. The current evidentiary standard of the "Preponderance of Evidence" must be "Clear and Convincing Evidence" when you are limiting or eliminating parental rights in family court. This bill does not address the fact that when a judge makes a parent the custodial parent and if both are fit parents the custody should be given to the FATHER the majority of the time. Children do better with the FATHER as the custodial parent. In fact, statistically speaking they have nearly identical outcomes as nuclear families. Children of single Mother households have the worst outcomes. These judges must be retrained and they must be directed to follow the current research. This bill also does not address the Unmarried with children. They Unmarried should be given the exact rights as a married couple. The bill also does not address any reopening of a case if this bill is passed. This bill also does not address that domestic violence accusations and false restraining orders (over 80% of restraining orders filed are false). This is a tactic of attorneys to gain an advantage over the father in most cases. The final step is that the mixing of the judicial, and executive branch which is unconstitutional due to the financial incentives(Federal Social Security Act Title IV-D) for the ordering of child support. No judge should be writing or commenting on any pending family court legislation, let alone writing their own bill(which they tried). This is a clear violation of the separation of powers between the judicial and legislative branches. In closing no reforms to Ohio family law have been instituted since the early 1980's. Ohio has also tried to introduce 12 equal parenting bills in the last 20 years and all have failed.Why? MONEY ! Please note that in the Ohio Revised code there is NO statute which defines what the "Best Interest of the Children" is! This bill does not address to demand these judges take the "Notice of Intent to Relocate" as a serious matter in accordance with ORC 3109.051(G)(1). In my particular case the mother of my child has moved my son 4 times in 9 years to 4 different states and 3 school districts with no repercussions! So why are we allowing children to be separated from their fit and loving parents everyday? The starting point for any parental rights time allocation must be Equal joint physical custody and Equal legal custody. We know all the problems with the family courts and everyone is right but how do we fix this once and for all. I do not believe this bill, which has great intent, is not sufficient enough to solve this current corrupt family court system. How much longer are we going to watch these corrupt family courts destroy our children and our families? IF NOT NOW...WHEN??????????