

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am Frank Glandorf, a resident of Hamilton County, and I strongly **oppose Senate Bill 174 (SB 174)**.

Since 2018 I have assisted as an analyst for the National Parents Organization's (NPO) [Ohio Parenting Time Report](#). By statute, each county court is required to have a written, local rule detailing default child custody arrangements. The parenting time report uses these local rules and focuses on ordinary parenting time (non-holiday/vacation), school age children and parents living in proximity to each other.

In 2018, 64 of Ohio's 88 counties received the lowest grade because they allowed only one overnight parenting time per two week period. Four counties received the highest grade because of substantially equal parenting time. In addition, 7 counties used multiple schedules.

By 2023 the situation had liberalized. Only 45 counties received the lowest grade, a reduction of 20. While 8 counties received the highest grade, an increase of 4. In addition, 17 counties use multiple schedules, an increase of 10.

It is important to note that *not a single county* has reduced parenting time in their local rules. This is in contrast to SB 174 which replaces parental rights with court issued parental responsibilities.

In 2018, Judge Paula Giulitto of Portage County, president of the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges, wrote an editorial in The Columbus Dispatch that was highly critical of the NPO child custody report. At the time Portage county rated a D. Four years later in 2022, Judge Giulitto released new child custody guidelines. There are now four schedules; from the restrictive, every other weekend to equally shared parenting time.

Therefore, I urge you to consider the progress already made and to maintain the rights of parents who ultimately have the best interests of their children, rather than replace them with restrictive, court-issued responsibilities. Please **vote NO on SB 174**.

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