



7 States Have Passed Shared Parenting Legislation

P = Perseverance
CC = Clear + Convincing

State	Bill #	Year	House		Senate	
			Yes	No	Yes	No
Arizona - P	SB 1127	2012	46	9	28	0
Kentucky (Temporary Orders) - P	HB 492	2017	97	0	38	0
South Dakota (Temporary Orders)	SB 140	2018	64	0	35	0
Kentucky (Final Orders) - P	HB 538	2018	81	2	38	0
Arkansas - CC	SB 18	2021	71	16	33	2
West Virginia - CC	SB 463	2022	82	14	24	8
Florida - P	H 1301	2023	105	7	34	3
Missouri - P	SB 35	2023	114	9	30	4

Divorce Cases/Year

2000



85%
Non-Contested
1700/Cases

15%
Contested
300/Cases

- Group that one or both parents submit false reports or accusations
 - 85% of CPS reports are false or unfounded
 - File for unneeded(false) protection orders
 - False Accusations Utilizing the “14 Best Interest Factors”

- Opposition falsely projecting credit of the Mediation Program for these.

- Mediation program uses the children as pawns to try to drive resolve. Non-primary parent in temporary orders gets pressured they could lose even more time if they do not settle. etc.

- “14 Best Interest Factors” being forced on Non-Contested Cases Driving some to Litigation resulting in Contested Cases. By removing the “14 Best Interest Factors” Parents that did not want to be contested will no longer fill out who is a “subjective” better parent in these factors and therefore eliminate conflict.
- We know from research that 10% of the total 15% of contested cases contain “severe parental alienation”. The next 5% contain “moderate/severe” parental alienation. Most of these cases have added litigation caused by false protective orders, false CPS reporting and false allegations utilizing the “14 Best Interest Factors. Each one of these false reports and accusations is addressed with increased litigation in the courts. Removing the incentive of gaining control over the children and finances will naturally cause some to stay in non-contested and reduce overall litigation.

Source:

Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts

Domestic Relations Cases by Type and Filing Year, 2018 - 2024

Case Type	Year Filed										Grand Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024				
ANNULMENT	85	81	69	68	61	73	48	485			
BODY ATTACHMENT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2			
CHILD SUPPORT	2,689	2,340	1,466	1,533	1,499	1,444	1,364	12,335			
CONTEMPT-DOMESTIC RELATIONS	99	55	44	48	71	57	51	425			
CUSTODY	861	793	751	815	750	744	746	5,460			
DIVORCE	20,540	20,572	19,486	19,461	18,159	18,001	17,858	134,077			
DIVORCE W/SUPPORT	2,392	2,026	1,461	1,390	1,238	1,091	930	10,528			
FOREIGN JUDGMENT-DR	577	496	368	431	459	368	283	2,982			
ORDER OF PROTECTION	8,338	8,833	7,810	8,188	8,113	8,296	7,806	57,384			
OTHER-DOM REL	93	70	33	44	34	20	29	323			
PATERNITY	4,309	4,245	3,484	4,387	4,696	5,044	5,756	31,921			
PATERNITY/SUPPORT	3,051	2,643	1,767	1,824	1,964	1,766	1,656	14,671			
REGISTER ARKANSAS JUDGMENT- DR	2	1	2	5	7	5	0	22			
SEPARATE MAINTENANCE	198	155	148	127	120	104	112	964			
SUPPORT - OCSE	4,449	5,260	4,725	6,640	7,945	7,697	7,648	44,364			
SUPPORT - PRIVATE (NON OCSE)	19	20	15	26	16	19	18	133			
SUPPORT-UIFSA	518	542	304	301	318	337	337	2,657			
URES IN	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	22			
URES OUT	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3			
VISITATION	148	149	157	127	135	120	112	948			
Grand Total	48,376	48,287	42,094	45,418	45,587	45,187	44,757	319,706			

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Number of child abuse victims in the United States in 2021, by perpetrator relationship

