

I am writing as a mother, sister, friend and daycare provider in strong opposition to bill HB1242.

I have four children. A set of twins with one father and two boys with another. I cannot imagine having been forced into 50/50 custody with either of their fathers. Both of whom would've just as soon had the title of "father" without the inconvenience of actually having children. Both of these men fought me for custody entirely to save face with their families and friends and because I was awarded child support. In the most eloquent words of one father "if I have to pay for them, I'm gonna see them." Not having one care in the world for the actual child but for the money they would be forced to spend on them and how they would look to other people.

Just because a person was involved in the act of conception, does not make them a good parent. If two people were married and had children, that does not mean they are good parents. Just because someone's mother, father, brother or friend would like to see them raise their children well, does not make them a good parent. DNA does not make someone a good parent. Paying child support does not make you a good parent. Giving birth to a child does not make you a good parent.

This bill would be detrimental to so many children and families. What is good for one family is absolutely not good for another. Cases of custody NEED to be looked at and taken into consideration individually, with each side given the opportunity to prove their worth as parents. Just because you have the title of mother or father, does not give you the right to raise children equally with the other party.

In closing, my opposition really is simple. One size does not fit all! Please do not pass this bill!

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