

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/HB 1301 — Parenting and Time-sharing of Minor Children

by Judiciary Committee and Rep. Persons-Mulicka and others (CS/CS/SB 1292 by Rules Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senators Jones and Pizzo)

The bill amends s. 61.13, F.S., related to parenting and time-sharing plans to create a rebuttable presumption that equal time-sharing with minor children is in the best interests of a child and provides that a parent moving to a residence within 50 miles of the primary residence of a child may be considered a substantial and material change in circumstances.

The bill also provides that to rebut the presumption, the party in opposition to equal time-sharing must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that equal time-sharing is not in the best interests of the minor child who is common to the parties.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 34-3; House 105-7