Bill Number: S.B. 1314

Allen S Floor Amendment

Reference to: PSHS amendment

Amendment drafted by: Kendra Kovarik

FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

- **Removes an added presumption that joint legal custody is in a child's best interest.**

- **Declares that the public policy of Arizona is that the following is in the child's best interest, absent contrary evidence:**
  a) parenting time with both parents and
  b) participation of both parents in decision-making about the child.

Amendment explanation prepared by Kendra Kovarik

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ALLEN S FLOOR AMENDMENT

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1314

(Reference to PSHS amendment)

Page 1, line 1, strike “8” insert “41”

Between lines 1 and 2, insert:

“Section 1. Section 25-103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-103. Purposes of title; application of title

A. It is declared that the public policy of this state and the general purposes of this title are:

1. To promote strong families;

2. To promote strong family values.

B. IT ALSO IS THE DECLARED PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE AND THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE THAT ABSENT EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, IT IS IN A CHILD’S BEST INTEREST:

1. TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL AND MEANINGFUL PARENTING TIME WITH BOTH PARENTS.

2. TO HAVE BOTH PARENTS PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING ABOUT THE CHILD.

C. A COURT SHALL APPLY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.”

Renumber to conform

Page 2, strike lines 5 through 10

Amend title to conform

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