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Overview

This bill amends the custody and parenting time laws and adds a rebuttable presumption that joint physical custody is in the best interest of the child and that a parent is entitled to a minimum of 40 percent of the parenting time for the child.

Section

- **Best interest of the child.** Adds to the existing joint legal custody presumption that there is also a rebuttable presumption that it is in a child's best interest that the parents have joint physical custody.
- **General.** Increases the existing presumption that a parent should have at least 25 percent parenting time with a child to 40 percent, unless the parties agree to a different parenting time amount.