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As introduced

Subject Parenting time presumptions changed; parenting time considerations

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Summary

Section Description

1 Maintain steady child care authorizations.

Requires the county to increase the amount of child care assistance a person receives if the parent verifies their parenting time increased in a court order.

2 Custody schedules and parenting time arrangements.

Prohibits reimbursement when a child misses a scheduled child care day if the child is with a parent during parenting time and requires the parent to notify the child care center of any child custody changes within 10 days, which already exists in law.

3 Child care assistance programs-specific reporting.

Requires a change in parenting time ordered in a court order be reported to the child care assistance program within 10 days of the court order.

4 General.

Requires the court to use a rebuttable presumption that the child shall have the maximum amount of time with each parent, unless the court finds the parenting time will endanger the child's physical, mental, or emotional health or safety.

This section also provides parents should get close to 50 percent of the parenting time and if the court does not award the 50 percent then the court must include in a court order the reasons for the deviation and show that the findings provide by clear and convincing evidence that one of the parents meets a qualification that requires the parenting time to be limited, or that the distance between the parties is so great that the parenting time plan would be impractical, or because the child's medical condition requires it.

This section removes the ability of the court to consider the child's age when making determinations about parenting time, but does allow the court to issue a graduate reunification parenting time plan for children under the age of one year or when the parent and child have been separated for a long period of time.

This section also prohibits the court to consider a parents gender or marital status in issuing a court order related to parenting time, and requires the court to evaluate whether a parent has engaged in interfering with the other parent's time with the child,

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provided false allegations of domestic abuse, or chronically denied parenting time to the other parent to gain advantages in custody matters.



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