

Written Testimony to the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee

I am in support of SB 257

50/50 is where the courts should stand except under very extreme circumstances. Harmony is the objective.

If a parent has not been absentee the other parent cannot be allowed to create such a situation through a court rendered decision based on an allegation.

A child should never be prevented from being with either parent. Except in extreme circumstances whereby many documented events and hard evidence dictates such. Allegations of child abuse do not represent multiple documented events nor hard evidence.

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Both parents should assume equal care and equal fiscal responsibility no matter what. No argument. Perhaps child support should be reviewed extensively.. As it is too many parents, usually the father, are being reduced to poverty which should not be the objective nor the end result under any circumstances.

Families should understand when divorce is put on the table more will be expected from both parents. More meaning a stay at home parent will need to find financial support aka employment. Neither parent should assume they are entitled to child support nor alimony. It's time to step up to the plate.

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Mandate cost of full coverage health insurance be split 50/50.

Mandate mediation in cases where tension is obviously present. No exceptions. The court must enforce the mandate.

Mandate public education or other choice that which both parents agree with expenses to be split 50/50.

I am a father to three children. As a grandfather I have been exposed to the above situations. As a parent I say it is imperative that children remain in contact with both parents on a weekly basis. We need children to grow feeling secure and loved.

WE don't need children sitting in therapy due to parents deciding they cannot get along.

Respectfully,

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