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ISSUE: Against Senate Bill 0849 cross-filed with House 1168

**The Maryland General Assembly
Legislative Services Building
90 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

Greetings Senator West:

We, Winning Strategies: Fatherhood, The Courts & Custody, do not support the bill you are sponsoring Senate Bill 0849 cross-filed with 1168. This bill has been used as “device” for personal agendas since 2018 by members of the House of Delegates.

The fathers that we serve asked what the difference with Senate Bill 0849 is and the cross-file House Bill 1168 and the House Bills from the past, (House Bill 1032 2018/ House Bill 1328 2020/ House Bill 0505 2021). The bills are using the same verbiage so what makes this bill a good bill now than in the past -nothing\.. When Dumais & McComas was sponsoring it was withdrawn (first time) – for what reason. As the years progressed nothing changed except the sponsors who made other damaging bills from the House Bill Legal Decision-Making Parenting Time, we urge your support in withdrawing your sponsorship for SB 0849, fathers in Baltimore County need a bill with substance and promise. From the sponsors of this bill which have spawned other bills which were damaging to fathers please do not allow this bill to be used to do the same, this year we were against Delegate’s Atterbeary bill that spawned from HB1168 predecessors. As a fatherhood advocacy organization, we cannot give support to a bill, and we urge you Senator West to do the same!

Senate Bill 0849 et al DOES NOTHING for fathers so why does it keep getting introduced? This bill needs to die on the house floor.

Sincerely,

The Winning Strategies Team

