

SB0017

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Senators of Judicial Proceedings,

I ask you to vote unfavorably for this bill as you did last year.

This is a pernicious bill filled with devious and ludicrous assumptions.

It creates classes of trauma from thin air (ACE) and it postulates imaginary difficulties in discernment. So while assuming that judges who try cases cannot see bad parenting, it hands out dozens and dozens of hours of MANDATORY training to Maryland Judges – handled BY the Domestic Violence Industry crowds who were on the SB567 taskforce. This should truly be viewed as political payola.

These domestic violence crowds write the bill for Sen. Lee, (wo)man the taskforce, then get paid to “train” judges? “Oh what a wicked web....” someone once said.

SB17, at the same time, attempts to disavow the proven, peer-reviewed issue of Parental Alienation.

Perhaps you know this under other terms such as gatekeeper parent, narcissistic parenting, child sequestration or by other events that are consistent with Parental Alienation cases.

The Maryland Appellate has handled Parental Alienation cases before. Senators, every time a parent wrongfully denies custody, look into that case and you'll likely find an alienating parent.

Maryland almost never pursues wrongful custodial denial.

The bill, at its heart, is aimed against fathers.

As seen below, I volunteered IMMEDIATELY when a slot opened to take advantage of a fathers rights advocate being added to the SB567 taskforce. I didn't limit this volunteerism to myself – it's costly to attend, it doesn't pay and it's difficult to listen to lie after lie from these taskforces. I also asked other dads to contact the Secretary of State while the taskforce was ongoing. Yet and still, no father was enlisted or even reviewed – as far as I know – for the taskforce.

And here we are 3 years later. Another flawed bill being proffered by Senator Lee, peddling junk science and hateful ideology against fatherhood and equitable family law determinations.

Please resoundingly vote NO on this bill.

This bill is *prima facie* flawed and unjust.

Thanks for your consideration and time.

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~vince

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From: Vince McAvoy <vince.mcavoy@yahoo.com>
To: john.wobensmith@maryland.gov <john.wobensmith@maryland.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 04:48:40 PM EST
Subject: Fw: (2019 Term) SB567 with Amendment

Hello Secretary Wobensmith,

Moments after the Senate amendment was passed for a fathers rights group to be included with the SB567 taskforce, I sent the email you see below to JPR.

I have also submitted a form (going, perhaps, through Appointments Secretary Cavey) to be included in the taskforce. I have not heard back from my submittal.

There appears to be no fathers rights group included in the Taskforce you are heading.

I'm disappointed that my submittals are ignored; more distressing is that the amendment isn't being honored.

Can you please give me an update regarding the Taskforce vacancy, current recommendations of the Taskforce and who has been vetted for the currently vacant role?

With thanks.

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Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019, 12:27:56 PM EDT
Subject: (2019 Term) SB567 with Amendment

Dear Senators~

As SB567 was just passed with Amendment to include at least one advocate from a "Fathers' Rights" group, I would appreciate your consideration of appointing me to the group to study/alleviate Child Abuse.

Thank you for your consideration,
Vince

23 AS FOLLOWS.

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Article – Family Law

25 9–101.3.

26 **(E) (1) BEFORE PRESIDING OVER A CHILD CUSTODY CASE INVOLVING**
27 **CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, A JUDGE MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST 60 HOURS**
28 **OF INITIAL TRAINING APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND JUDICIARY THAT MEETS THE**
29 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

30 **(2) A JUDGE WHO HAS RECEIVED THE INITIAL TRAINING UNDER**
31 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND WHO CONTINUES TO PRESIDE OVER**
32 **CHILD CUSTODY CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHALL**
33 **RECEIVE AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL 10 HOURS OF TRAINING THAT MEETS THE**
34 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION EVERY 5 YEARS.**