

**HB947 FAVORABLE
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HB947 is an important bill that is needed to insure that children will have access to the love and security that is provided by having both parents actively involved in the children's lives. Peer reviewed research has demonstrated that joint custody and shared parenting is the best option for the emotional development and health of children. This is true even for young children and infants. Other arrangements should only be considered when there are factors that warrant that joint custody is not appropriate.

This bill strikes a good balance in weighing the factors that need to be taken into consideration. It also provides an equitable responsibility of support. I highly recommend that you give this bill a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

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