

HB-948: Sex Offenders – Informal Child Care Services - Prohibition

Families Advocating Intelligent Registries (FAIR) seeks rational, constitutional sexual offense laws and policies for persons accused and convicted of sexual offenses.

Bill HB-948 makes no distinction between a registrant who is unrelated to a child, and a related registrant. A noncustodial parent, guardian, or grandparent are critical sources of informal child care (and are likely unpaid).

Bill section (D)(2) might generally be assumed to be exempting the parent or guardian; however, it is not clearly defined. FAIR feels it should be made clear that unless specifically restricted by the courts or a restraining order, a registrant who is a noncustodial parent or grandparent may provide informal child care to his or her children or grandchildren.

If this confusion could be cleared up, FAIR would withdraw its opposition to the bill.

Sincerely,



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