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Support HB947 Family Law – Joint Custody

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- This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption in certain child custody proceedings that certain custodial arrangements are in the best interest of the child.
- The bill also establishes that the costs of supporting the child(ren) would be the responsibility of the party who has the child(ren) in their care.
- As long as both parents are fit, there should be open and meaningful access from both parties to their child(ren). The detriment of custody case controversy between two parties should not fall onto the child(ren) who should be able to access both of their parents in a healthy manner.