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Testimony on behalf of Winning Strategies: Fatherhood, The Courts & Custody
In Favor of Senate Bill 42 – Child Custody – Relocation of Child – Expedited Hearing
(Assurance of Child's Safety Act)
Before the Judicial Proceedings Committee
On January 31, 2023

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 42 provides fathers with equity when it comes to acknowledging the fact of his importance in the life of the child(ren) when parents have a mutual respect towards each other and when there's no communication, but the father would like to be in the life of his child(ren).

This bill will address the kidnapping of a child(ren). Our nonprofit organization assist fathers when mothers are threatening to take the child(ren). This will limit the likelihood of a kidnapping by the mother.

When we assist fathers in the community appoint fathers in the right direction out the Best Interest of the Child missing. This bill has the potential to has the potential to enable fathers to care, love and have uninterrupted access the child(ren). The only arguments against this bill would come from the special interests' groups and the organization that is for helping the mothers only. Fathers need uninterrupted access to their children; did you not have that? When it comes to data, in 2022 we helped 75 fathers came to us for assistance, when they had intake session 32% dealt with. However, 100% feels as though she needs to go to jail for kidnapping. We pray that this bill makes it through onto the next chapter of its political life.

As such, we urge the committee to give SB Bill 42.

Respectfully,

Eric D. Smith

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Testimony of Franklyn M. Malone

CEO, The 100 Fathers Inc.

In Favor of SB42 – Child Custody – Relocation of Child – Expedited Hearing

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Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 42 proposes the requirement of a court to schedule a hearing on certain petition regard the relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody visitation order on an expedited basis under certain circumstances. This legislation also prohibits the court from considering a child's time spent with a party who relocated in violation of certain notice provisions to be advantageous to the party in a subsequent custody hearing; generally relating to child custody and visitation.

The latest research reveals that there is undeniable evidence that the presence of engaging and involved fathers in the lives of their children has a positive effect on that child's outcome. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, 71% of young men are incarcerated, 69% of high school drop outs; 70% of youth in custody come from fatherless families and many wind up in the criminal justice system. Our objective clearly must be family focus and the child's best interest. All of these fatherless children captured in this research never had the benefit of a relationship with a father.

The 100 Fathers currently leads a national conversation on this relationship of fatherless children and its relationship to violence. For

my own experience as a father residing in Greenbelt, with a former wife who is now a friend, took my baby daughter to Chicago and left me high and dry. I suffered emotionally, psychologically, socially and financially until I was able to locate her some months later and file a court brief forcing the return of my daughter. No father or parent should be forced to suffer the indignity of a missing child whom they wish to parent and love. Ultimately, Senate Bill 42 closes this gap on fatherless children and improves the opportunity for parenting to be a team event that benefits the children. As such, the 100 Fathers Inc. urge this Committee give a favorable report on SB042. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Franklyn M. Malone

CEO, The 100 Fathers Inc.

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SB42 Requiring a court to schedule a hearing on a certain petition regarding the proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order on an expedited basis under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a court from considering a child's time spent with a party who relocated in violation of certain notice provisions to be advantageous to that party in a subsequent custody hearing.

I am a father who has always provided for the health, education, and welfare for my children from birth until current day. My Children were taken from me prior to a court filing or an intervention, and I could not file for an Emergency custody hearing due to the laws on the books, The children were uprooted from a stable environment to somewhere I did even know there whereabouts, I did see my Children for Almost a year, I missed my sons first steps, his first words, and some of the most important times in my children's life.

Once the Court filing was initiated and the court intervention took place, a timeline had been established, and the time that they were with the other parent set the precedent for Primary Physical Custody, This was after the Children were taken from their home, moved to another County, my daughter withdrawn from her school and enrolled in another school. This established the precedent and also allowed Child Support to be back dated to the date of the filing causing massive arrearages and many miscalculations.

I think that SB42 will be a good starting point, for all Children involved in situations like this. Lets protect are Children and protect Both Parents,

PAS-Intervention statement on SB42 FAV.pdf

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**To: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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The amended version of SB42 states that:

The court shall consider a proposed relocation from a minor child's primary residence that would significantly interfere with the other parent's ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time schedule when deciding whether to grant an expedited hearing on a Motion for Modification of Custody.

Relocation can sometimes interfere with parenting time, can be a form of custodial interference and cause considerable harm to a child's relationship with a parent. This is all the more so when the relocating parent is attempting to alienate the child from the other parent.

The Maryland Judicial Conference expressed reservations last session that each circuit court has a differentiated case management plan that includes procedures for emergency relief and expedited case processing in family law actions. They also expressed that terms such as "shall" limit judicial discretion and the court's ability to consider each child's unique facts and circumstances. The current amendment adequately addresses these concerns.

SB42 does not address the need for expedited hearings in cases where a parent already relocated without court permission. Such relocation can set the stage for abduction and parental alienation. It is extremely important to expedite such cases to prevent the creation of a status quo that will prevent a child from enjoying the benefits of a relationship with the other parent. We would like to see this amended in to the bill as well, but nevertheless support SB42 as is. I urge the committee to give a favorable report on SB42. Thank you.

**Yaakov Aichenbaum
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II. The court shall consider a proposed relocation from a minor child's primary residence that would significantly interfere with the other parent's ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time schedule when deciding whether to grant an expedited hearing on a Motion for Modification of Custody.

Strike subsection D, part 2

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter
In Favor of SB42 with Amendments- Child Custody - Relocation of
Child - Expedited Hearing (Assurance of Child's Safety Act)
Before the Judicial Proceedings Committee
on January 31, 2023**

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 42, the Assurance of Child's Safety Act, corrects injustices in family law and protects children of divorced families from sudden upheaval. As amended, the law would require the court to consider a child's proposed relocation when deciding whether to grant an emergency hearing on a motion for Modification of Custody.

Initially sponsored by Delegate Nick Charles in 2022, the bill has undergone the following revisions in collaboration with the Maryland Bar Association and the Judiciary:

- 1. Amends the bill from only considering relocations over an arbitrary 40-mile mark to covering any move that would "significantly interfere with the predetermined parenting time schedule."**
- 2. Mandates that the court consider a relocation when deciding whether to grant an emergency hearing while allowing the judiciary to exercise its best judgment in determining whether a hearing is necessary.**

3. Removes the prohibition on courts considering the child's time spent with a relocated party advantages to that party. While we urge the court to grant a hearing *before* the move, all factors should be considered when deciding the child's best interest.

Parenthood is a sacred responsibility that should be protected by law. Unfortunately, this body has long ignored the crucial role *both* parents play in their child's development. While this bill is nowhere near an end-all in preventing parental abduction, it will move us closer to repelling the belief that an individual's involvement shouldn't exceed their issuance of a monthly check.

Both parents should have the opportunity, and duty, to play a meaningful role in their child's life. By allowing one party to relocate the child in a way that prohibits the engagement of the other, we're promoting the separation of families. Break-ups between adults happen, but the split between a child and their parents should not.

The goal when deciding custody should be a mutual agreement between parties that establishes healthy co-parenting. However, when that does not happen or is violated, legal safeguards should be in place-- hence the rationale of this bill. Our goal is to require a court to consider these situations, not mandate their decision in favor of either parent.

Courts have often moved slowly in responding to a child's relocation, in some situations not hearing the case until 5 or 6 months later. Moreover, with very few laws protecting unmarried parents, upset

parties have little reason to participate in co-parenting and accept the role of the other.

Senate Bill 42 is about putting the courts in the best position to determine the best interest of the child. Most importantly, however, this bill is about protecting a child's safety by encouraging stability in location and a consistent parenting schedule. The faster the courts respond to these petitions, the better the needs of these families can be met and resolved.

I implore the committee to give a favorable report to SB42 with amendments, moving us one step closer to recognizing the role of both parents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill P. Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Jill P. Carter, Esq.

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BILL NO: Senate Bill 42
TITLE: Child Custody - Relocation of Child - Expedited Hearing (Assurance of Child's Safety Act)
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings
HEARING DATE: January 31, 2023
POSITION: **Support with Amendments.**

Senate Bill 42 would create a path to an expedited hearing if a parent or custodian of a child was planning to relocate. The Women's Law Center of Maryland (WLC) supports SB 42 with amendments being offered by the sponsor. An expedited hearing for a situation where relocating the child will interfere with another parent's parenting time is valuable, and as amended this bill is a proper avenue for litigants to get court resolution on the issue of relocation if that relocation will interfere with one parent or custodian's ordered child access.

Under current law, under Family Law Section 9-106, in any custody or visitation proceeding, the court may include as a condition of a custody or visitation order a requirement that either party provide advance written notice of at least 90 days to the court and/or the other party of the intent to relocate the permanent residence of the party or the child either within or outside the State. Senate Bill 42 will therefore not flood the court with these expedited cases. Under SB 42, either party may file a Motion to Modify Custody and seek an expedited hearing. There are often valid reasons for relocation, such as escaping from domestic violence, moving to where there is a support system in place for the parent relocating, including family and childcare options, a better job, etc. We get calls about this issue often on our statewide Family Law Hotline. It is not in any way necessarily for a nefarious purpose of cutting off the other parent, but it can be.

The amendments for SB 42 are as follows:

- delete the proposed subsection (d) (2) in its entirety.
- revise proposed section 4 (II) to read:
 - (4) II. The court shall consider a proposed relocation from a minor child's primary residence that would significantly interfere with the other parent's ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time schedule when deciding whether to grant an expedited hearing on a Motion for Modification of Custody.

Each court in Maryland has a differentiated case management plan (DCM) that may have provisions for emergency or expedited hearings. However, they are not always provided to the public, and they do not all have any uniform standards for emergency or expedited hearings. This bill would require all of the circuit courts to consider relocation and whether to address it in an expedited manner based on the facts and circumstances of the particular parents and child. Senate Bill 42, as amended, would allow the court to consider relocation while maintaining the paramount concern of what is in the best interests of the child.

A survey of other state laws indicated that relocation is usually considered, collectively with other facts, in the best interests of the child analysis when deciding modifications of custody. See Ala. Code 1975, § 30-3-168(a). Ala. Code 1975, § 30-3-169.2(a) and (a)(3); Florida - F.S.A. § 61.13001; Missouri -

V.A.M.S. §452.377, La. R.S. §9:355.4 (“Failure to give notice is merely “a factor” that the trial court “may” consider in deciding the relocation issue. Jamie's failure to give statutory notice does not render the court's judgment in her favor erroneous in any way.” Granados v. Granados, 339 So.3d 1281, 1290. (2022).

Therefore, the Women’s Law Center of Maryland, Inc. urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 42 with amendments.

The Women’s Law Center of Maryland is a private, non-profit, legal services organization that serves as a leading voice for justice and fairness for women.

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To: Members of The House Judiciary Committee

From: Family & Juvenile Law Section Council (FJLSC)

Date: January 31, 2023

Subject: Senate Bill 42:
Child Custody – Relocation of Child – Expedited Hearing

Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) FJLSC urges a favorable with amendments committee report on Senate Bill 42 Child Custody – Relocation of Child – Expedited Hearing

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Family and Juvenile Law Section Council (“FJLSC”) of the Maryland State Bar Association (“MSBA”). The FJLSC is the formal representative of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the MSBA, which promotes the objectives of the MSBA by improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law and, at the same time, tries to bring together the members of the MSBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FJLSC is charged with the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section and authorized to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself could act. The Section has over 1,200 attorney members.

The FJLSC understands the Sponsor intends to submit amendments to SB 42 to delete the proposed subsection (d) (2) in its entirety and to revise proposed section 4 (II) to read:

(4)

II. The court shall consider a proposed relocation from a minor child’s primary residence that would significantly interfere with the other parent’s ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time schedule when deciding whether to grant an expedited hearing on a Motion for Modification of Custody.

The FJLSC believes the amended SB 42 will provide an avenue to parents who have not received the required notice from the other parent that he/she intends to relocate the minor child or children and that relocation would significantly interfere with the other parent’s custody schedule. We appreciate the urgency underlying many requests for expedited hearings in such cases. Such situations often require quick court intervention to prevent the relocating parent from establishing residency for the child in a different state and triggering a complicated analysis of the case under the Maryland Uniform

Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. In addition, the relocating parent is often also making unilateral decisions about the minor child's education and medical care. In the most extreme situations, the minor child or children's lives are radically upended and the other parent is without any decision making power or recourse until he or she can obtain court intervention. He or she must file a Motion for Modification, accomplish service on the relocating parent in a far-away state, wait the 60 days that parent has to answer the summons and often several more months before the first court hearing.

SB 42 will add an additional option for parents to be granted an Expedited hearing in these child relocation cases. There is already a statute in the Family Law Article at 9-105 which informs the court of options for the unjustifiable denial or interference with "visitation" granted by a court that is often used to address some of the issues in relocation cases. If the child is in actual danger or risk of harm, the best path into family law court is to request an emergency custody hearing in conjunction with the filing of a Petition to modify custody and/or a Petition for Contempt.

In cases where imminent harm to the child cannot be proven, often, the best path into court to address the urgency created by some drastic relocation cases is through a request for an expedited *Pendente Lite* hearing on custody. Each Circuit Court of the 24 counties in Maryland has different standards and requirements for the granting of such emergency custody and/or expedited *Pendente Lite* custody hearings. SB 42 requires the Courts to consider granting Expedited Hearings on Motions for Modification of Custody wherein a relocation has significantly interfered with the other parent's parenting time which would be a positive change for Maryland families.

SB 42 will amend Family Law Article section 9-106 which grants the court the power to include a provision in a custody order issued by that court requiring either party provided advance written notice of a at least 90 days before relocating the permanent residence of the party or the child either within or outside the state. Thus, the expedited hearings the Court shall consider based on this change would only be triggered in those cases and would not overburden the Court system.

For the reason(s) stated above, the FJLSC **urges a favorable committee report for SB 42 if the proposed Amendments are made.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Smith by telephone at 410-280-1700 or by e-mail at msmith@lawannapolis.com.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
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RE: Senate Bill 42
Child Custody – Relocation of Child – Expedited Hearing
DATE: January 18, 2023
(1/31)
POSITION: Oppose

The Maryland Judiciary opposes Senate Bill 42 in its current form. This bill requires a court to schedule a hearing on a certain petition regarding the proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order on an expedited basis under certain circumstances.

This bill would require the court to set a hearing on a petition regarding certain proposed relocations on an expedited basis. Each circuit court has a differentiated case management plan that includes procedures for emergency relief and expedited case processing in family law actions where there is a credible prospect of imminent and substantial physical or emotional harm to a child. Md. Rule 16-302. Whether expedited processing is warranted depends upon the facts alleged.

The bill also specifies factors a court “shall” or “may not” consider. In custody and visitation cases, the court’s paramount concern is the best interest of a child. These types of mandates limit judicial discretion and the court’s ability to consider each child’s unique facts and circumstances.

The Judiciary is in receipt, however, of amendments (attached), that would address the above concerns. It is the Judiciary’s understanding that the attached language would replace current section 9-106(a)(4)(ii) in the bill and also strike completely section 9-106(d)(2) in the bill. If these amendments are adopted, the Judiciary would withdraw its opposition to the bill and have no position.

cc. Hon. Jill Carter
Judicial Council
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I. The court shall consider a proposed relocation from a minor child's primary residence that would significantly interfere with the other parent's ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time schedule when deciding whether to grant an expedited hearing on a Motion for Modification of Custody.

Strike subsection D, part 2