

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB3582</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3582, as introduced, creates the "Equal Parenting Act," which provides that there will be a presumption, rebuttable by a preponderance of evidence, that joint custody and equally shared parenting time is in the child's best interest. However, if a parent is a sex offender or a violent offender registrant there will be a rebuttable presumption that any shared parenting plan with this parent will be detrimental and not in the best interest of the child.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 3582 states that courts are to consider the child's best interests in custody cases. If a parent is a registered sex offender, any shared parenting plan with that parent is presumed not in the child's best interests. The provisions of this measure are not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget.

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**Other Considerations**

None.