



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2710

Introduced 10/14/2025, by Sen. Michael E. Hastings

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 5/610.7 new

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, to conduct a comprehensive study on parenting-time presumptions in child custody proceedings. Provides that the study examine how statutory presumptions and judicial practices affect fairness, parental involvement, and child outcomes in custody cases. Requires that the review pay particular attention to ensuring that both parents, regardless of gender, are given equitable opportunities to maintain meaningful relationships with their children. Requires that the Department submit a final report to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than December 31, 2026 and include findings, recommendations, and potential statutory language to update Illinois law. Repeals the Act on December 31, 2027.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
5 Marriage Act is amended by adding Section 610.7 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/610.7 new)

7 Sec. 610.7. Study on parenting-time presumptions.

8 (a) Creation of study. The Department of Healthcare and
9 Family Services, in consultation with the Administrative
10 Office of the Illinois Courts, shall conduct a comprehensive
11 study on parenting-time presumptions in child custody
12 proceedings.

13 (b) Purpose. The study shall examine how statutory
14 presumptions and judicial practices affect fairness, parental
15 involvement, and child outcomes in custody cases. The review
16 shall pay particular attention to ensuring that both parents,
17 regardless of gender, are given equitable opportunities to
18 maintain meaningful relationships with their children.

19 (c) Scope of study. The study shall include, but not be
20 limited to, the following components:

21 (1) A review of other states parenting-time
22 presumptions, including but not limited to: the presumptions
23 outlined in the laws of Alabama, Arizona, Kentucky, Minnesota,

1 Mississippi, New York, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington;

2 (2) An impact analysis that compare outcomes for
3 children, parental satisfaction, litigation rates, and
4 financial equity across states with presumptive shared
5 parenting versus states without such provisions;

6 (3) An assessment of how Illinois' current statutory
7 framework measures against national trends, and whether the
8 current reliance on "overnight counts" creates inequities; and

9 (4) Policy recommendations that identify whether
10 Illinois should consider adopting a presumption of equal
11 parenting time (50/50) or an 8-hour parenting time equivalency
12 standard to prevent financial and legal disparities between
13 parents.

14 (d) Stakeholder input. The Department shall solicit input
15 from family law practitioners, judges, parent advocacy groups,
16 child welfare experts, and parents with lived experience.

17 (e) Report. The Department shall submit a final report to
18 the General Assembly and the Governor no later than December
19 31, 2026. The report shall include findings, recommendations,
20 and potential statutory language to update Illinois law.

21 (f) Repeal. This Section is repealed on December 31, 2027.