



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 47

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 8, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 47 provides for criminal prosecution of an individual who obstructs or interferes with the court ordered visitation of a child by the party granted such visitation by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. This bill is an extension of the law prohibiting kidnapping. The current law provides for a finding of contempt for the willful and contumacious refusal to comply with a court order on visitation or what is becoming known as parenting time. This process is far too slow and ineffective to provide an adequate remedy for the loss that a child and parent experience when the other parent or another person interferes with the relationship between the parent and child.

The conduct prohibited in LB 47 is detrimental to the well being of children and such conduct is of a type that the State routinely finds to be criminal. This extension of the law is reasonable and necessary.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Carol Hudkins