



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 423**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 25, 2009

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

LB 423 changes the definition of joint physical custody, legal custody and physical custody. The bill removes the section requiring the court to determine the procedures for making decisions regarding the day-to-day care and control of the child. The bill will place into the Parenting Act a presumption that both parents are fit for joint legal and physical custody unless this presumption is rebutted by a preponderance of evidence.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Abbie Cornett**