## **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

## LB1192

**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop** 

**Committee: Judiciary** 

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2022

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

Legislative Bill 1192 proposes to amend the Parenting Act by providing a rebuttable presumption that joint legal custody and equally shared parenting time are in the best interests of the child.

The bill provides for a temporary injunction against both parties upon the filing of a complaint for dissolution of marriage or legal separation that shall be in effect until the final decree is entered, the complaint is dismissed, or the court orders otherwise.

The bill also provides that a court shall be allowed to take action based on a preponderance of evidence, as deemed necessary, if a parent is found to have engaged in a pattern of willfully creating conflict, interfering with access to the child, or taking other action in an attempt to manipulate the proceeding.

Last, LB 1192 provides the State Court Administrator shall adopt a parenting time summary report form to provide for the reporting of summary information that shall be filed with the clerk of the court, by the party who initiated the case, in every case in which parenting time is established or modified. Such information shall be compiled for purposes of tracking parenting time awards and shall be published.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mike McDonnell