

Child custody change proposed in KS

(KAIR)--Proposed legislation before the Kansas Legislature would mean automatic equal custody of children between parents who are divorcing, unless the court finds clear evidence saying otherwise.

Senate Bill 257 was filed in December by Leavenworth Republican Senator Steve Fitzgerald prior to the start of the current legislative session.

The House version of the bill was introduced January 23, and has gained a number of sponsors, including local Republicans, Dr. John Eplee, of District 63, and Randy Garber, of District 62.

A hearing on the legislation is scheduled for Tuesday at the Kansas Statehouse.

The Kansas Chapter of the National Parents Organization, which encourages shared custody, has been working to see the passage of the legislation.

Member Ron Holm is a Wyandotte County resident whose first hand experience with divorce, and the resulting custody battle, led to his push to see a change in Kansas law.

MSC News Director Brian Hagen talked to Holm about the bill. The interview can be heard [here](#).