Other states and other countries have already tried 50/50 custody with devastating effects.

## Economically

Parents generally already have a portfolio of responsibilities.

Career parents will have to suddenly work part time.

Primary caregivers find themselves seeking employment, which is usually unsustainable for parents who have been out of the work force or ill prepared for the work force after child rearing.

More single parents who can only work part time will apply for public assistance.

The cost of day care will skyrocket.

## Socially

Children have more difficulty in school, especially if parents live in different school districts.

Children do not have a "permanent" place of residence as they are ping ponged between locations.

50/50 doesn't account for parents' religion or culture in family dynamics. For example, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has published *The Family; A Proclamation to the World*, which outlines parental duties.

## Safety

75% to 95% of all divorces are handled OUTSIDE of court without custody dispute. These are the parents who can work together, and who this bill does not apply to.

HOWEVER, 90% of the remaining involve Family Violence and is the abusive parent's attempt to maintain power and control.

What this bill purposes is to grant 50/50 custody to the parents in that remaining percent in which family violence is prevalent and who cannot co-parent together in a 50/50 arrangement.

Below is research about death toll rising in women and children when 50/50 was court ordered: <u>https://stopabusecampaign.org/2019/02/12/custody-court-crisis-how-many-deaths-are-caused-by-shared-parenting-versus-safe-parenting/?fbclid=IwAR2yCUJe-hnOaNbBIZtE0ZIgUQaCctC1rfuEv\_2HN5eDywmjn0HdaQQ70Qo</u>

Research stats here: http://www.domesticviolenceabuseandchildcustody.com/Talkingpoints.pdf

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Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.