



The Boys Initiative is a nonprofit organization dedicated to implementing solutions to the issues and trends affecting the well-being and success of boys and young men in our nation and around the world.

We urge you to support HB365: Parenting Coordinator Act; Created.

When custody or visitation is in issue, appointing a parenting coordinator is critical to help parents (i) implement a court order regarding child custody or parenting time, (ii) comply with a court order regarding child custody, (iii) resolve day-to-day issues that arise regarding legal and physical custody of their child, (iv) learn healthy and effective methods of communication and ways to safely and appropriately exchange their child, and (v) reduce litigation where conflict threatens the safety or well-being of their child or has placed an undue burden on the court.

To be eligible to be appointed by a court as a parenting coordinator, a person must meet strict qualifications, and must participate in 40 hours of relevant training. The parenting coordinator must also complete 20 hours every two years by either presenting or attending education seminars in related topics including parental alienation, which often affects boys.

Boys and young men need the influence of their fathers. Nearly 25 percent of America's children live in mother-only families. Study after study shows that the involvement of a father or a positive male role model has profound effects on children. The creation of a parenting coordinator will help ensure that parents of boys implement and comply with court ordered custody and visitation rights.

Please support HB365. Creating a Parent Coordinator will be beneficial to all of Virginia's children.

Respectfully,

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