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Submission re: Secretary: child access issues

Dangerous implications should presumption in law equate to 50% custody, no room for variations according to individual circumstances, frightening to think of abuse and violence in unsupervised situations.

Would amount to complete destruction of family unit ie one parent can walk out the door anytime, obtain a divorce 12 months later by filling in a form and paying a fee, then automatically be granted 50% custody, no questions asked!

Practical issues difficult to resolve, requiring both parents to live and work (if available) in same area until child reaches designated age.

Suggesting mothers no longer need to look after own children, expected to further career and be financially independent.

Laws are in place to maintain standards in a society where everyone thinks they deserve the right to do anything, no matter if they do not have the skills and regardless of outcome.

Any law revision needs very CAREFUL consideration.

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