

# Assembly passes child support and placement package

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The Assembly today approved a nine-bill package designed to update placement and support obligations for children whose parents are divorced or separated.

The package, which passed via voice vote, includes proposals that would:

- \*create a process for temporary delegating custodial duties during a parent's military service.
- \*allow a court to approve a contingency plan that modifies a custody agreement based on future events such as a child's school or extracurricular activities.

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- \*update the Department of Children and Families' administrative rules to reflect that shared physical placement arrangements of a child are now commonplace and should not be considered "special circumstances."
- \*add a statement to the general provisions for custody and placement emphasizing parental involvement by both parties is generally in the best interest of the child.
- \*require a court to explain its reasoning if it grants less than 25 percent physical placement with a parent.
- \*require parents who are divorcing to file a parenting plan ahead of mediation.
- \*allow courts involved in family law action to take note of previous domestic abuse charges or restraining orders filed against the other parent.
- \*eliminate family support orders.

\*and bar DCF from factoring variable housing costs into gross income for child support.

Read the bills:

\*AB 93, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab93>

\*AB 95, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab95>

\*AB 96, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab96>

\*AB 97, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab97>

\*AB 98, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab98>

\*AB 99, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab99>

\*AB 100, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab100>

\*AB 101, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab101>

\*AB 102, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/proposals/reg/asm/bill/ab102>