

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 473 by Representative Green as proposed by the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

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1 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b), relative to child custody; to provide relative to
2 the best interest of a child; to provide relative to equal custody; and to provide for
3 related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §335. Joint custody decree and implementation order; custody during an emergency
7 or disaster

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12 (b) Unless the court determines ~~To the extent it is not feasible and or~~ in the
13 best interest of the child, physical custody of the ~~children should~~ child shall be
14 shared equally.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires equal sharing of physical custody unless certain circumstances apply.

Present law (R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b)) provides that to the extent it is feasible and in the best interest of the child, physical custody of the child should be shared equally.

Proposed law changes present law and requires physical custody of a child to be shared equally unless the court determines it is not feasible or in the best interest of the child.

(Amends R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b))