

I have recently witnessed the negative impact of the current joint custody law on both my friend and her daughter. She has 50/50 parenting time but the father has legal custody. She is left out of all medical decisions and isn't even able to make her daughter a doctors appointments if she's not feeling well, let alone get a second opinion or do what she feels is best for her own daughter. She puts all of her kids well-being before anything and everything and truly is the best mother I know. Yet this law keeps her from helping her daughter mentally and physically when needed. She has been treated differently and unjust by her daughters doctors and school employees because she is listed as the non custodial parent. I believe this law need to change for all children in this situation that have two loving caring parents that can work together when needed to ensure the health of their child. I know it would be in the best interest of the child for her mother to be able to have a say in her own daughters medical, education, and religious upbringing. This law needs to change to ensure all parents of sound and mind have the rights to care and protect their children.