

Kayden's Law (VAWA 2022)

aka. "Keeping Children Safe From Family Violence" Law

is UNSAFE for Children

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN MAY BE AFFECTED

Kayden's Law is a subsection of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022. It is intended to protect children from domestic violence. Unfortunately, the law has serious flaws & implications for the safety of children. There is now an attempt to pass this law in all states.

PROBLEMS

- The law was created based on unreliable research with serious methodological & statistical flaws;
- The Legislative Branch is attempting to interfere with the Judiciary Branch's ability to make informed decisions;
- Victims are prevented from bringing probative, material, and relevant experts according to evidence law; The law excludes experts that could be critical in protecting children such as experts in family dynamics, personality disorders, suggestibility of children, child development, forensic science, and others.
- The law encourages fabricated & false allegations;
- The law fails to recognize psychological abuse, negative bonding, and pathological attachments. As such, the law keeps children with abusers;
- The law restricts judges, magistrates, and relevant court personnel to narrowly scoped training;
- The law prevents victims, especially children, from receiving empirically validated, best practices or evidence-based treatment.
- The law inhibits the development of scientifically valid reunification treatments for children and families.

Federal bills: HR2471 (passed 2022), HR1620 (pending), S3623 (pending)

State bills introduced not passed:
CA, IL, MD, MT, NY, PA

State bills passed:
Safe for children- FL
UNSAFE for all children- CO



PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Amend the "Law" Section

- to allow all experts according to evidence law: probative, material, and relevant;
- to recognize that false allegations of domestic violence and child abuse do exist and false allegations must be taken into consideration;
- to allow the court the ability to remove or restrict the child from a parent or a litigating party who is psychologically abusive or with whom the child is pathologically bonded or attached;
- to allow the court to order reunification treatments that are empirically valid;

Amend the "Uniformed Required Standard" Section

- to allow professionals with demonstrated expertise that is probative, material and relevant;

Amend the "Training and education program" Section

- to allow training to be provided by professionals with demonstrated experience or expertise, including researchers from credited educational and research institutions, psychologists, psychiatrists, law enforcement and the like.

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