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Shared Parenting Proposals Likely Headed to Nebraska Legislature

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - A coalition of fathers and family-law attorneys will again ask lawmakers to change Nebraska's parental custody laws, which they argue are unfair to men.

Lawmakers have introduced bills several times in recent years, but none have made it out of committee. With 18 new senators taking office in January, supporters are hopeful they can win enough support to change the law.

A December study by the Nebraska State Court Administrator's office found that noncustodial parents - usually fathers - are given an average of five days a month with their children. The state reviewed divorce and child custody cases between 2002 and 2012.

Opponents have said they are willing to work toward a compromise but that past measures didn't adequately protect women in cases that involved domestic violence.

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