

# Dr hc Bernard Wh Jennings Leads Good Dads as Team Leaders in the Fight for the Good Dad Act

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MIAMI, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The journey toward legal reform for fathers has achieved a significant milestone with the introduction of the Good Dad Act Bill in multiple states. Led by Dr hc Bernard Wh Jennings, Good Dads across the nation are stepping up as team leaders to navigate state legislatures and pass the Good Dad Act Bill.

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this legislation addresses long-standing disparities in family law. As the bill makes its way through state legislatures, it brings hope and potential change to countless families. The act is not just a legal document; it's a movement towards more balanced parental rights. What Is the Good Dad Act

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The Good Dad Act represents a significant advancement in the legal landscape for fathers seeking equitable treatment under the law. This legislation is built on the foundation of fairness, aiming to ensure that fathers have equal opportunities to be involved in their children's lives.

### Objective and Scope

The primary objective of the Good Dad Act is to amend existing laws that have historically limited fathers' rights in custody and visitation cases. By advocating for fairness and equality, the act seeks to eliminate biases that often sideline fathers in family court decisions. This legislative change is crucial for promoting an environment where children can benefit from the active

involvement of both parents.

#### Significance and Impact

The significance of the Good Dad Act extends beyond the legal realm; it affects the social fabric by reinforcing the importance of fatherhood. The act serves as a beacon of hope for many fathers who feel marginalized by the current system, providing a legal pathway to strengthen their roles in their children's lives. The potential impact of this legislation is vast, promising to reshape family dynamics for future generations.

#### Impact Across the States

The Good Dad Act, after making significant strides in Florida, has now been submitted to the legislatures of eleven additional states. This expansion reflects a growing recognition of the need for balanced parental rights legislation nationwide. Each state's response to the bill, while varied, contributes to a broader narrative about the evolving role of fathers in family law.

#### Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/HB 775 — Shared Parental Responsibility after Establishment of

Paternity - — onareu Parental Responsibility after Establishment of Paternity - "Ethan's Good Dad Act" by Judiciary Committee, Civil Justice Subcommittee; and Reps. Benjamin, Hawkins, and others (CS CS/SB 1146 by Judiciary Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senator Yarborough)

The bill clarifies that after the birth of a child a parent may request a determination of parental responsibility and child support and for the creation of a parenting plan and timesharing schedule pursuant to ch. 61, F.S. Absent such a determination of parental responsibility and child support, a mother retains sole parental responsibility and there is no requirement for timesharing.

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The bill also clarifies that an unwed mother and a father who sign a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or have established paternity through a court judgment are the natural guardians of the child. As such, they are subject to the rights and responsibilities of parents that a married parent would egive, if a father has not established paternity, the mother is the natural parent and is entitled to primary residential care and custody of the child.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023. Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0

Bill #775

# Legislative Progress



I think its a great thing that has happened for Dads and families. All legislatures throughout the United States should adopt the Good Dad Act. It is a "positive movement"." Donovan Folkes, New Jersey **Good Dad** 

In states like Georgia and New Jersey, the Good Dad Act has been met with robust support from both the public and lawmakers. These states have taken proactive steps to ensure the bill's considerations are thoroughly debated and integrated into the existing legal frameworks. The legislative journey in these regions highlights the act's potential to set a precedent for others to follow. For instance, in Michigan and Illinois, committees are actively reviewing the implications of the act, engaging with community leaders and legal experts to gauge its longterm benefits and challenges.

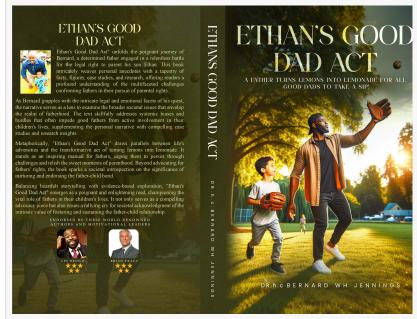
# Community Impact and Reception

The reception of the Good Dad Act in communities across the submitted states has been overwhelmingly positive. In Arizona and Alabama, town hall meetings and community forums have provided platforms for fathers to share their stories and rally support for the bill. This grassroots involvement is crucial, as it not only raises awareness but also underscores the personal stakes involved. In the US Virgin Islands, North Carolina, and Maryland, similar

initiatives have spurred a dialogue about parental equality, demonstrating the societal shift towards recognizing fathers' rights as not just a legal issue but a cornerstone of family health and stability.

The Role of Dr hc Bernard Wh Jennings and Team Leaders in the Good Dad Act Movement

Dr hc Bernard Wh Jennings, leading Good Dads as team leaders in each state, plays a pivotal role in guiding the movement. His dedication and advocacy empower fathers nationwide to stand up for their rights and the rights of their children. Under his leadership, team leaders organize



A father turns his lemons into lemonade so all Good Dads can take a sip!

meetings, speak at events, and serve as the local face of the movement, sharing their personal experiences and the importance of the act.

#### Join Our Community and Make a Difference

The movement surrounding the Good Dad Act is not just about legislative change; it's about building a community of support and empowerment for fathers nationwide. By joining our network, individuals can play a pivotal role in driving the Act toward becoming law in every state, while also gaining access to resources and support that can significantly impact their personal legal challenges.

# Good Dad Act Committee Meetings

Every Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM EST, the Good Dad Act Committee meets online. The link to join can be obtained by visiting <a href="https://www.GoodDadAct.com">www.GoodDadAct.com</a>.

Dr hc Bernard Wh Jennings' Book Release: "Ethan's Good Dad Act"

Dr hc Bernard Wh Jennings has just written a book titled "Ethan's Good Dad Act". The book chronicles his journey and struggle to change the law in the State of Florida to help ensure that he could obtain legal rights over his own son, Ethan. Endorsed by renowned authors <u>Les Brown and Bryan Tracy</u>, the book is set to be released by the end of May and is destined to be a bestseller.

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