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## Child Custody Determinations

### HB848 Family Law- Child Custody- Determinations

HB848 would codify the factors that courts use to determine the best interests of the child in custody cases. This bill will make it far more helpful to self-represented litigants because it will set out the factors that a court must consider when making a custody determination. The bill also requires the court to articulate its findings of fact on the record or to give a written opinion specifying which factors were considered in making the final custody determination.

**HB848 will be voted on in the House Judiciary Committee tomorrow, Friday 3/8! Click below to email members of the Judiciary Committee and ask for a favorable vote.**

Email Judiciary Committee Members to support  
HB848

Codifying factors for  
determining the **child's best  
interests, aiding self-  
represented litigants,** and  
requiring courts to **articulate  
findings.**

**Contact members of House  
Judiciary Committee & urge  
support of HB848.**



**Contact JUD in support of HB848**

We will provide updates on these bills and others we are working on as session progresses. In the meantime, don't forget to let [your legislators](#) know about what issues matter most to you!

Onward together,

Katie

**Katie Curran O'Malley**

Executive Director

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P.P.P.S. WLC is proud to join the [Federal Bar Association, Maryland Chapter](#), in hosting a webinar discussion featuring the Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia on the rich history of women lawyers in Maryland and the ongoing imperative to advocate for gender equality.

When: Wednesday, March 12th, 12 pm

Where: Zoom

**[RSVP Today & join the conversation!](#)**

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