

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 704

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to family law; amending factors in consideration for custody and parenting
1.3 time for unmarried parents; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 257.025.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 257.025, is amended to read:

1.6 **257.025 CUSTODY DISPUTES.**

1.7 (a) In any custody or parenting time proceeding involving unmarried parents, the court
1.8 shall consider and evaluate all relevant factors in ~~section~~ sections 518.17, subdivision 1,
1.9 and 518.175 to determine the best interests of the child.

1.10 (b) The fact that the parents of the child are not or were never married to each other shall
1.11 not be determinative of the custody of the child.

1.12 (c) A person may seek custody of a child by filing a petition or motion pursuant to section
1.13 518.156.

1.14 (d) Section 518.619 applies to this section.