

Senate Children and Family Law Committee

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HB 1039, relative to the contents of parenting plans.

Hearing Date: April 2, 2026

Time Opened: 9:31 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:38

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Abbas, Sullivan and Long

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill enables a parenting plan to include provisions relative to the sharing of a child's image on social media.

Sponsors:

Rep. Nelson

Rep. DeSimone

Rep. Rice

Who supports the bill: Rep. Jodi Nelson, Rep. Kim Rice, Rep. Debra DiSimone, Cory Stone, Curtis Howland, Pamela Harders, Suzanna Derynioski, Lisa Rivard

Who opposes the bill: Meredith Jordan, Tami Lanzillo Zeimetz

Who is neutral on the bill: Denise Costello

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Jodi Nelson (Rockingham - District 13)

- This bill originated from one of Representative Nelson's constituents.
- While pregnant, the constituent's partner agreed to restrictions on posting their children on social media
- The relationship ended after the child was born and the other partner has not fulfilled the terms agreed upon.
- Artificial intelligence can lead to children's images being used, misused, or redistributed indefinitely.
- Social media has created an environment where a child's image can be shared without clear agreement between parents.
- Under RSA 461-A, we require parents to share responsibility for major decisions, the sharing of children's images on social media is becoming an area of significant dispute.

- HB 1039 adds a section to parenting plans to encourage parents to reach an agreement on this issue up front, decreasing the likelihood of them returning to court.
- Senator Abbas asked how this would work when a child has their own social media.
 - Parents can either initially decide when a child turns a certain age they can have their own account, the parenting plan can change, or they can go back to court and modify their agreement.

Representative Debra DiSimone (Rockingham - District 18)

- In her experience in courtrooms, parents will use the posting of children against the other parent.
- Including this in the agreement decreases negative litigation and prevents children's images from being used for malicious purposes.
- This is a small change to parenting plans to keep children safe.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 3, 2026