

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 495 requires the court considering custody of a child to determine competent admissible evidence if a party to the action alleges that the other party has committed an act of child abuse against the child or an act of domestic violence against the party. Such an evidentiary hearing shall be set within 60 days of the filing of a verified pleading. A parent's visitation, contact, and custody shall not be deprived if such a parent makes a reasonable, good-faith allegation supported by facts. If the court finds that a party has not engaged in a pattern of child abuse or domestic violence, the court may not refuse to consider additional evidence of child abuse or domestic violence presented later in the case.

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