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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Salvo and Williams

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### SUMMARY

- Requires a court to order compensatory parenting time or companionship or visitation for failure to comply with, or interference with, an order or decree providing for parenting time or companionship or visitation if the failure to comply or interference results from:
  - A completed investigation of an unsubstantiated report of child abuse or neglect; or
  - The residential parent and legal custodian of a child willfully violating a parenting time or visitation schedule without justification.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Compensatory parenting time or companionship or visitation

The bill allows any parent who is granted parenting time rights or any person who is granted companionship or visitation to file a motion with the court to request compensatory parenting time or companionship or visitation for failure to comply with, or interference with, the order or decree, if the failure to comply or interference results from either of the following:

- An investigation by a public children services agency and all investigative agencies of a report of child abuse or neglect that resulted in a determination that the report was unsubstantiated, as long as the reason for the unsubstantiated report is not because: (1) the agency was unable to locate or interview the alleged perpetrator, (2) the alleged perpetrator refused to cooperate with the investigation, or (3) the investigation was otherwise incomplete;

- The residential parent and legal custodian of a child willfully violated a parenting time or visitation schedule without justification.<sup>1</sup>

The bill requires the court to order additional periods of parenting time or visitation to compensate for the time that was lost as a result of the failure to comply or interference, unless for good cause shown by an opposing party. The compensatory parenting time must meet all of the following criteria:

- It must be the same type and duration as the parenting time or visitation that was lost or denied;
- Subject to the court's determination of the best interest of the child, the parenting time or visitation must be scheduled at the discretion of the party that was denied parenting time or visitation and may include weekends, holidays, school breaks, and summer vacation time;
- The parenting time or visitation must be enforceable in the same manner as the original order or decree for parenting time or visitation.<sup>2</sup>

If a court denies compensatory parenting time or visitation for good cause, the court must state in writing its findings of fact and conclusions of law to support the denial.<sup>3</sup>

The bill prohibits a court from awarding compensatory parenting time or visitation under both the bill's provisions and an existing law contempt action. Under existing law, if the court finds a person in contempt for failing to comply with or interfering with any order or decree granting parenting time or companionship or visitation, it may award reasonable compensatory parenting time or visitation to the person whose right was affected if it is in the best interest of the child.<sup>4</sup> If a party files a motion under the bill's provisions and initiates a contempt action, the court may award the greater of the compensatory parenting time or visitation warranted under the bill's provisions or the contempt provisions, but not both.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	10-28-25

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3109.051(L)(1)(a) and (b).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3109.051(L)(2)(a) to (c).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3109.051(L)(3).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3109.051(K); R.C. 2705.031, not in the bill.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 3109.051(L)(4).