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**FACTORS THE COURT CONSIDERS TO DECIDE JOINT CUSTODY**  
**("TAYLOR FACTORS")**

- Capacity of parents to communicate and reach shared decisions
- Willingness of parents to share custody
- Fitness of parents
- Relationship established between child and each parent
- Preference of child
- Potential disruption of child's social and school life
- Geographic proximity of parental homes

- Demands of parental employment
- Age and number of children
- Sincerity of parent's request
- Financial status of parents
- Impact on state or federal assistance
- Benefit of the parents
- Anything else the court wants to consider