

HB 1047 -- IN VITRO HUMAN EMBRYOS

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This bill establishes standards for a court to follow in rendering a decision involving the custody of an in vitro human embryo. The court shall presume that the best interests of the embryo must be to grant custody to either the ovum donor or the spermatozoon donor who intends to develop the embryo to birth. The court must not approve the termination of the embryo or an outcome that leaves the embryo indefinitely in an environment in which it does not develop or grow. The bill also clarifies the rights and responsibilities of each party depending on who is awarded custody and an obligation to provide health and genetic information to the party awarded custody.

This bill is similar to HB 2739 (2018) and HB 788 (2019).