

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2608-01  
Bill No.: HB 1168  
Subject: Children and Minors: Domestic Relations  
Type: Original  
Date: December 18, 2001

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **State Courts Administrator** and the **Department of Social Services** indicated that the proposal would not have direct fiscal impact on their agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require that a court find a substantial and continuing change in a child's circumstances or in the circumstances of the child's custodian before modifying a prior custody decree. Under current law, the court may modify a prior custody decree upon finding that a change has occurred in the circumstances of the child or guardian. The requirement that the modification be in the best interests of the child would remain in law.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This legislation would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Courts Administrator  
Department of Social Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Jeanne" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Jarrett".

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA  
Director  
December 18, 2001