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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4610-01
Bill No.: HB 1651
Subject: Courts; Juvenile Courts; Judges
Type: Original
Date: March 17, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

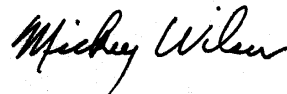
The proposed legislation would make changes to the laws regarding court procedures. In its main provisions, the proposal would:

- (1) Clarify that juvenile officers must provide a risk and needs assessment report to the juvenile court;
- (2) Require rules governing the determination of appropriate child support award amounts be reviewed not less than once every four years (current law is once every three years);
- (3) Require that qualified interpreters or translators be appointed in all legal proceedings in which a non-English speaking person is a party or witness. The interpreter or translator could not be compelled to testify as to information that would be protected by the attorney-client privilege. A reasonable fee for the interpreters or translators would be allowed in civil, juvenile, and criminal proceedings;
- (4) Allow moneys from the law library fund to be used for courtroom renovation and technology enhancement in counties not on the nonpartisan court plan; and
- (5) Delete the requirement that the summons in a landlord-tenant action be sent to the defendant by certified mail.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator



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