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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0508 Introduced on February 13, 2019
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Subject: Alimony and Other Allowances
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Mitchell
Impact Date: April 2, 2019

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill will have no impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Judicial Department, as any additional expenditures for family court proceedings can be managed within the department's existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

The bill adds two new types of alimony. Transitional alimony is to be paid periodically or in a finite total sum until a designated date no longer than three years from the date of the divorce. Fixed term alimony allows a finite award to be paid periodically to the supported spouse. Both new types of alimony terminate upon remarriage, continued cohabitation of the supported spouse, or upon the death of either spouse. In addition, the bill further defines the term continued cohabitation for the purposes of awarding or terminating alimony.

The Judicial Department indicates that the provisions of the bill could lengthen family court hearings involving alimony, as parties and family courts would have additional arrangements and issues to consider. The department further indicates that no data is available to predict the number of family court hearings that would be impacted by the bill or to evaluate the additional time that the proceedings may require, but that any additional expenditures related to the extra time required for family court proceedings will be managed within the department's existing appropriations. As such, the bill will have no impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Judicial Department.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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