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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0143	Introduced on January 14, 2025
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Subject:	Household Member & Dating Relationship	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Vesely	
Impact Date:	January 27, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill changes the definition for a household member to add persons who are currently or have been in a dating relationship, which expands the classes of persons who may petition for an order of protection pursuant to §20-4-40. This bill also modifies who may petition for an order of protection on behalf of a household minor.

This bill may result in an increased caseload in family and magistrate courts. However, Judicial anticipates any increase in caseload can be managed using existing resources.

Additionally, the increase in caseloads in family and magistrate courts may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an increase to General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 14, 2025

State Expenditure

This bill changes the definition for a household member to add persons who are currently or have been in a dating relationship, which expands the classes of persons who may petition for an order of protection. Additionally, this bill specifies that a parent, guardian, custodian, legal counsel, or other appropriate adult may petition the court for an order of protection on behalf of a household minor. Currently, any household member may petition the court for this order of protection for a minor.

Judicial anticipates this bill may increase the caseloads in family and magistrate courts but anticipates any increase in caseload can be managed using existing resources.

State Revenue

This bill may increase the caseload in family and magistrate courts. This may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an

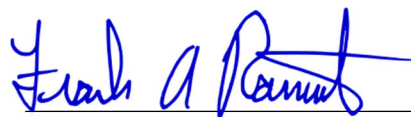
increase to General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.

Local Expenditure

This bill may increase the caseload in family and magistrate courts; however, Judicial anticipates any increase in caseload due to this bill can be managed within existing local resources for the magistrates court.

Local Revenue

This bill may increase the caseload in family and magistrate courts. This may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an increase to local revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.



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