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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: SCS for SB 591

Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: Civil and Criminal Procedure; Judges; Juries; Courts; Adoption; Marriage and Divorce; Family Law; Children and Minors

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to expert witnesses.

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

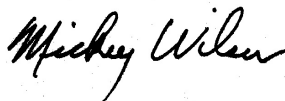
Fiscal Analysis

Officials at the **Office of the Attorney General (AGO)** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in cases.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Office of the State Public Defender (SPD)** assumed the proposed legislation is likely to have no significant impact on the SPD, though it could possibly lead to increased use of experts and thus increased litigation expenses.

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.



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