

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2964-01  
Bill No.: SB 743  
Subject: Family Law: Civil Procedure  
Type: Original  
Date: December 31, 2001

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
<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** stated that the proposal would not have directly affect their agency.

Officials of the **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services** noted that increased aggressiveness of lawyers at Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) hearings could increase costs for Department lawyers; however, this would be offset by reduced appeals. Officials would expect costs for TPR hearings to remain about the same as now.

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

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

**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

This proposal would state that court rulings on terminations of parental rights would be final judgements for purposes of appeal.

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

Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services  
State Courts Administrator

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA  
Director  
December 31, 2001