

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1298

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Newman

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Parental rights

5. Summary/Purpose: Clarifies that a "party with a legitimate interest" in a child, for purposes of making custody and visitation determinations, does not include persons whose interest in the child is derived from a parent (e.g., grandparents and other relatives) whose rights have been terminated if the child subsequently has been legally adopted, except in cases of stepparent adoption. The bill also clarifies that only such grandparents and other relatives are not divested of all legal rights in cases of stepparent adoption.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources