

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1758-ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Custody and visitation cases; jurisdiction of court.

5. Summary: Grants juvenile and domestic relations courts jurisdiction over all cases, matters and proceedings involving making specific findings of fact required by state or federal law to enable a child to apply for or receive a state or federal benefit.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The original bill and the Senate substitute allowed a circuit or district court in which there is a proceeding related to the custody or visitation of a child, upon the request of any party, to make any finding of fact required by state or federal law to permit such minor to apply for a state or federal benefit.

The House substitute granted juvenile and domestic relations courts jurisdiction over all cases, matters and proceedings involving petitions to make the specific findings of fact necessary to permit a juvenile to petition the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security for status as a special immigrant.

Finally, the conference committee substitute grants juvenile and domestic relations courts jurisdiction over all cases, matters and proceedings involving making specific findings of fact required by state or federal law to enable a child to apply for or receive a state or federal benefit. The Department of Social Services has existing policies in place for minors who are part of judicial proceedings to apply for public assistance, if applicable.

This bill does not have a fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.