Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB637

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Samirah

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. **Title:** Child support; reasonable cost of health care coverage.

5. **Summary:** Modifies the definition of "reasonable cost" for purposes of health care coverage in child support arrangements by capping the maximum amount to five percent of the gross income of the parent responsible for providing health care coverage. Under current law, such costs are capped at five percent of the parents' combined gross income.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill changes the definition of "reasonable cost" of health care coverage from an amount not to exceed five percent of the "parents' combined gross income" to an amount not to exceed five percent of the gross income of the "parent who is responsible for providing health care coverage." The legislation affects child support orders. This change may benefit the parent responsible for providing insurance, because reasonable cost would now be based on only that parent's income, likely lowering the cap at which that parent is required to provide health care coverage for the child. Additionally, it brings state code in line with the Federal regulation.

   Implementation of the revised calculation approach will not require additional resources at the Department of Social Services.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, Courts

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.