

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB365

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

**2. Patron:** Sullivan

**3. Committee:** House Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Parenting Coordinator Act

**5. Summary:** The proposed bill creates the Parenting Coordinator Act (“Act”), which provides a framework for the use of a parenting coordinator in actions for divorce, separate maintenance, or annulment in which custody or visitation is in issue, petitions for custody or visitation, and written agreements between parties and parenting coordinators. The Act governs the qualifications, scope of authority, appointment and removal, confidentiality, communication, records maintenance, and fees of such parenting coordinators.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item #8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the proposed bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact. In accordance with § 20-124.6:8 of the bill, all fees associated with the appointment of a parenting coordinator are to be shared by the parties, with each party bearing the portion of the fees that the court determines is just and equitable under the circumstances.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None