

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 372 (Delegates Frank and E. Burns)
Judiciary

Child Custody - Presumption of Joint Legal and Physical Custody

This bill provides that in a custody or visitation proceeding there is a presumption of joint legal and physical custody of a child unless the parents agree to sole custody or some other combination of sole, joint legal, or joint physical custody of a child. The presumption may be rebutted by showing, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that joint legal and physical custody of a child is not in the best interest of the child.

The bill is applied prospectively.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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