

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 74 (Senator Craig)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

Family Law - Child Placement Agency - Guardianship

This amended bill authorizes a child placement agency, as guardian of a child, to consent to the joint guardianship, custody or other long-term placement of a child that the agency determines to be in the child's best interest. The bill allows a court to award joint guardianship, custody, or other long-term placement deemed to be in the best interest of the child after any investigation and hearing the court considers necessary. Further, if joint guardianship is awarded to a caregiver, the child placement agency retains guardianship with the right to consent to adoption or long-term care short of adoption.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

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

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