

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 89 (Senator Boozer)
Judicial Proceedings

Adoption - Consent of Natural Parents - Parental Responsibility

This bill provides that an individual may be adopted without the consent of a natural parent under specified circumstances. Further, the bill changes the definition of “natural father” by specifying that the natural father of an individual must be identified by the natural mother on an application for public assistance or in a written, sworn statement. The bill also specifies that laws relating to adoption should be construed liberally to further the best interests of the child.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The changes are procedural in nature and do not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

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