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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 23 (Delegate Menes)

Judiciary

Family Law - Denial of Custody or Visitation - First Degree Murder

This bill prohibits a court from awarding custody of a child or visitation with a child to a parent convicted of first degree murder of the other parent of the child, another child of the parent, or any individual who resides in the household of the parent, unless good cause to the contrary is shown by clear and convincing evidence. A court may approve a supervised visitation arrangement if specified conditions are met.

The bill applies only to offenses committed on or after the bill's October 1, 1999 effective date.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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

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