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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 146 (Senator Kellev. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Domestic Violence - Dating Relationship

This bill adds a person whom a court determines is or was in a “dating relationship” with the respondent to the list of persons eligible to seek a petition for relief from abuse. “Dating relationship” is defined as a social relationship of a romantic nature which may or may not be a sexual relationship. The court is to take into consideration the length of the relationship, the nature of the relationship, or the frequency of interaction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is not expected to materially affect court workloads.

Local Effect: None. The bill is not expected to materially affect court or law enforcement workloads.

Small Business Effect: None.

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