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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 388 (Delegate Boschert)

Judiciary

Family Law - Marriage of Certain Minors

This bill provides that an individual 15 years old may not marry unless:

- the individual has the consent of a parent or guardian; and
- either party to be married gives the clerk a certificate from a licensed physician stating that the physician has examined the woman to be married and has found that she is pregnant or has given birth to a child.

The bill prohibits an individual under the age of 15 from marrying. Provisions relating to marriages by 16 or 17 year old individuals are unchanged.

Current law provides that an individual under the age of 16 may not marry unless:

- the individual has the consent of a parent or guardian; and
- either party to be married gives the clerk a certificate from a licensed physician stating that the physician has examined the woman to be married and has found that she is pregnant or has given birth to a child.

The bill applies only to marriage applications filed on or after the bill's October 1, 1999 effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not have a material effect on governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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