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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 144 (Senator Kellev. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Denial of Unsupervised Visitation - Sexual Offenses and Child Abuse

This bill prohibits a court from awarding unsupervised visitation with a child to a non-custodial parent who has been found guilty of incest, rape, a sexual offense against a child, or child abuse.

The bill applies only to convictions imposed on or after the bill's October 1, 2000, effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect circuit court operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Sections 9-101 and 9-101.1 of the Family Law Article require a court to take evidence of abuse into consideration when making a child custody or visitation determination.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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