



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

PRINTERS NO. 298

PRIME SPONSOR: Kula

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 286 adds Chapter 52, concerning uniform child abduction prevention, to the Domestic Relations Code. It would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation adds a new chapter that provides guidance for courts to follow during custody disputes and divorce proceedings. This guidance is designed to help courts identify families at risk for abduction, and to provide methods to prevent the interstate or foreign abduction of children. These guidelines also allow a party to a child custody order to seek, through the petition process, a supplemental order establishing anti-child abduction measures as long as the moving party can demonstrate a heightened probability that abduction is possible. The legislation details what must be contained in any petition for anti-child abduction measures and lists the factors the court must consider in determining the risk of abduction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*