



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

PRINTERS NO. 3513

PRIME SPONSOR: Toohil

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1529, Printer's Number 3513, amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) by making several modifications to Part III, Adoption. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds reasonable living expenses incurred by a birth mother three months prior to birth and 60 days post birth, and up to \$300 for expenses and transportation associated with prenatal, maternity, and post maternity care to the existing statutory list of permissible reimbursable expenses paid by adoptive parents in relation to an adoption.

This bill eliminates the requirement for a report of intermediary to be filed in an adoption proceeding and amends Section 2701 (Contents of petition for adoption) to include the following information previously contained in the report of intermediary:

- The names, ages, and marital status of the birth parents;
- The racial background of the birth parents and child;
- The age, sex, date and place of birth of the child;
- The religious affiliation of the birth parents and child;
- An account of any money paid to the intermediary;
- A statement that medical information was obtained or a statement explaining why it was not; and
- A statement confirming that statutes regulating interstate placement of a child have not been violated.

In addition, Section 2702 (Exhibits) is amended to include the following information previously contained in the report of intermediary:

- A birth certificate or a certification of registration of birth of the child, if obtainable;
- A court decree terminating parental rights and duties; and
- A full description and statement of value of any property owned or possessed by the child.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal 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.