



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 360

PRINTERS NO. 3660

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2019/20 | FY 2020/21 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY:

House Bill 360, Printer's Number 3660, amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), Chapter 13 (Marriage License), Sections 1304 (Restrictions on issuance of license) and 1306(b) (Oral examination-exception) further providing for restrictions on the issuance of marriage licenses. Chapter 63 (Child Protective Services), Subchapter E (Miscellaneous Provisions) is amended by adding a new Section 6387 (Pandemic of 2020) by extending the recertification requirement provided for in Section 6344.4 (Recertification).

ANALYSIS:

HB 360 amends the Domestic Relations Code, by repealing the provisions relating to the issuance of marriage licenses to individuals under the age of 18 in Section 1304. Section 1306 (b) is further amended to provide that if an applicant is unable to appear in person because of the office of the register of wills is closed due to a declaration of a state of disaster emergency or a declaration of judicial emergency, the applicant will be permitted to forward an affidavit, which verifies all required information.

In addition, HB 360 amends the Domestic Relations Code, Chapter 63 (Child Protective Services), Subchapter E (Miscellaneous Provisions) by adding a new Section 6387 (Pandemic of 2020) by providing for extensions to the recertification requirement provided for in Section 6344.4 (Recertification). During the disaster emergency relating to Covid-19, an individual subject to the provisions provided for under Section 6344.4 or the Public School Code, relating to the recertification of child abuse clearances, will have until December 31, 2020 to obtain recertification. Individuals seeking an initial application may commence employment prior to obtaining the certification required under Section 6344 (b)(3) only if certain criteria apply.

The following Sections will be retroactive as follows:

- Section 1306 (b) is retroactive to March 18, 2020, and
- Section 6387 (a) and (c) are retroactive to March 6, 2020.

This legislation will take effect as follows:

- Section 1304 (b) will take effect in 60 days, and
- The remainder will take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse 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.