



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1962

PRINTER'S NO. 3481

PRIME SPONSOR: Parker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

This legislation amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to allow applicants for assistance that are a nonparent of a relative child- to choose to cooperate in seeking and obtaining child support payments for that child, when necessary.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1962, Printer's Number 3481 amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to add requirements for the cooperation by nonparents of a relative children when they are applying for assistance programs.

Subject to federal approval, when necessary, an applicant for cash assistance, medical assistance or designated services provided under Article IV of Act 21 of 1967, known as the Human Services Code, that is the nonparent of a relative child may choose to cooperate in seeking and obtaining child support payments for that child with respect to whom the assistance is claimed.

A "Nonparent of a relative child" is defined in this legislation as a relation of a dependent child, a grandparent, step-grandparent or other blood relative who is within the fifth degree of kinship to the dependent child, including a first cousin once removed.

The "Fifth degree of kinship" is defined to include a great-grandparent, great-great grandparent, great-great-great grandparent and other relationship prefixed by great, great-great, grand or great-grand.

This legislation will take effect in 6 months upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Human Services administers the Child Support Enforcement Program along with the Domestic Relations Sections (DRS) of the Common Pleas courts in the counties. The DRS are responsible for the establishment of child support payment orders. To the extent that an applicant for assistance is the nonparent of a relative child and makes a choice not to cooperate in seeking and obtaining a child support payment order for that child, this would potentially result in a decrease in child support payment orders. However, at this time any potential decrease in child support cases cannot be determined. Therefore, the fiscal impact to the commonwealth is indeterminate.

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