

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 414

PRINTER'S NO. 2765

AMOUNT

No Significant Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 29, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative O'Neill

HISTORY OF BILL

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In the Senate

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Re-reported as amended, Dec. 9, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 414 amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to require the court, in a custody proceeding, to consider factors related to child abuse and involvement with child protective services.

The court shall consider whether the child has been the subject of an indicated or founded child abuse report, whether any person in the household has been identified as the perpetrator in an indicated or founded child abuse report, and whether any person in the household has received general protective services. This requirement would be in addition to the other factors a court must currently consider when determining a custody order.

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HB 414 would also require the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) and a County Children and Youth agency to provide the courts with all documents and reports related to child abuse.

This act shall take effect on December 31, 2014 or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 414 will have no significant fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. DPW is already required to provide the court with information in custody proceedings on other matters related to child welfare.