

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 663

PRINTER NO. 1028

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 31, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Vulakovich

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

SB 663 Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to allow a parent who is the victim of certain specified sexual offenses to object to an award of any type of custody to the other parent of a child conceived as a result of the offense. If such an objection is made, the court shall not award custody.

The bill includes an exception in which the court may award custody if the child is of suitable age and consents to the custody order, and if the court determines that the award of custody is in the best interest of the child.

The bill allows for paternity to be established "in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth."

The bill clarifies that parents are liable for the support of their children who are unemancipated and 18 years of age or younger whether or not parental rights of the parent have been terminated due to a conviction of specified sexual offenses where the other parent is the victim.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SB 663 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.