

FISCAL NOTE

HB 422 - SB 738

February 26, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a court exercising divorce jurisdiction can not do anything to interfere with the exclusive juvenile court jurisdiction regarding child custody when there is or has ever been a dependent and neglected, delinquency or unruly proceeding in the juvenile court concerning children who may be part of a divorce proceeding.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Current practice is that the juvenile court retains jurisdiction until a case has been concluded and removed from such court's active caseload or until the case is transferred to another court. The bill would cause custody proceedings related to divorce to be heard in juvenile courts instead of circuit or chancery courts for juveniles that had ever had proceedings in juvenile court.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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