FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1634 – SB 1627

February 10, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Transfers, from the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT), to the Department of Human Services (DHS), the responsibility to study, determine, and review the actual costs to court clerks for providing services for child and spousal support cases, for which federal financial participation is available under the Title IV-D child support program.

Requires DHS to report the cost information to COT and the Department of Finance and Administration on a biennial basis.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014199):   Deletes all language after the enacting clause.

Requires the actual costs to court clerks for providing services for child and spousal support cases for which federal financial participation is available under the Title IV-D child support program, and the reimbursement rates associated with those costs, be set according to the *Study of Actual Costs of Activities by Clerks of Court for Child and Spousal Support Cases and Determination of Actual Costs for Reimbursement* by DHS, November 18, 1998.

Deletes the requirement of COT to study, determine, and review the actual costs and report the information to DHS and the Department of Finance and Administration on a biennial basis.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- COT conducted the required study utilizing existing staff during regular work hours.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact reimbursements by DHS to court clerks for actual costs of providing services as DHS currently reimburses court clerks according to the referenced study; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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