

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1600

As of March 14, 2025

Title: An act relating to modifying the fee to support family services.

Brief Description: Modifying the fee to support family services.

Sponsors: Representatives Eslick, Parshley, Ryu, Simmons, Macri and Fosse.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/11/25, 72-23.

Committee Activity: Local Government: 3/17/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases the limit, from \$15 to \$30, of the local option marriage license fee that county legislative authorities may impose to fund family services.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: Mandatory Marriage License Fees. County auditors or recording officers must collect certain fees for issuing a marriage license. Fees include the following:

- an \$8 fee, which includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital statistics;
- an additional \$5 fee for use and support of the prevention of child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund; and
- an additional \$10 fee to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund.

In addition to the above, a number of other state and local archival fees and certified copy fees, associated with certifying copies and recording instruments, must be imposed.

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Local Option Marriage License Fees. County legislative authorities are authorized to establish an additional fee for a marriage license, not exceeding \$15, to fund family services, such as family support centers.

Another local option marriage license fee that county legislative authorities may charge is a family court services fee, not to exceed \$8.

Summary of Bill: The maximum local option marriage license fee that a county legislative authority may impose to fund family services is increased from \$15 to \$30.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.