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## SPOUSAL SUPPORT FORMULA

House Bill 5628

Sponsor: Rep. Michelle McManus

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5628 AS INTRODUCED 2-27-96

House Bill 5628 would amend the Friend of the Court Act to require the state friend of the court bureau to use a formula to establish and modify spousal support amounts. The formula would have to be based on the needs of the spouse, including health care expenses, and would have to include consideration of the relative needs and earning ability of each spouse. The bill would also require that where the divorce was based upon a finding of fault, the formula be weighed heavily in favor of party who was found not to have fault.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4432, which would require establishment of fault to support a divorce where the married couple had dependent children or one spouse objected to the divorce.

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