

Legislative Analysis



CHANGE TERM "CHILD CUSTODY" TO "CHILD PARENTING"

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5949 AS INTRODUCED 5-27-04

The bill would amend the Child Custody Act to rename the act as the "Child Parenting Time Act", revise terms pertaining to child custody to refer to parenting time, and delete duplicative provisions. Specifically, the term "parental" would replace "custodial", "parenting time and support" would replace the phrase "custody, support, and parenting time", and "custody" would be replaced with "parenting time". The bill would also make a number of editorial changes, including deleting duplicative provisions pertaining to the denial of parenting time for a parent convicted of criminal sexual conduct if the crime resulted in the conception of the child in question or the child was the victim of the crime.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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