

CHILD WELFARE – COURT JURISDICTION

Senate Bill 974 (S-3)

Sponsor: Senator Bruce Caswell

Senate Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

House Committee: Appropriations

A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 974 (S-3) AS PASSED THE SENATE (Analysis Completed 12-9-14)

CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The Probate Code governs jurisdiction, procedure, and disposition involving minors. The bill amends the section of the Probate Code that defines the authority and jurisdiction of the Family Division of the Circuit Court. Under the bill, the family court would be authorized to issue an order affecting a party in a proceeding concerning the care and supervision of a juvenile, as necessary, until May 1, 2018.

The bill defines “party” as one of the following:

- The petitioner and juvenile in a delinquency proceeding, or
- The petitioner, Department of Human Services, child, respondent, parent, guardian, or legal custodian, and any licensed child caring institution or child placing agency under contract with the Department of Human Services in a child protective proceeding.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

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

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