

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2120 – HB 2526

March 21, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes the prevailing party to recover reasonable attorney's fees in any criminal or civil contempt action to enforce, alter, change or modify a decree of alimony, child support, or custody.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015716):** Changes the effective date from upon becoming a law to July 1, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to 36-5-103(c), the prevailing party may recover reasonable attorney's fees incurred in enforcing any decree for alimony and child support or in regard to any suit or action concerning adjudication of the custody or change in custody of any children.
- Passage of this legislation would expand the grounds for the prevailing party to recover reasonable attorney's fees in any criminal or civil contempt action to enforce, alter, change or modify a decree of alimony, child support, or custody.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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