

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

ACT 360

Fiscal Note On: **HB 1260** HLS 14RS 2902

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:



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Subject: Marriage		

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 EN NO IMPACT See Note
 Provides relative to notice of certain expenses under the Covenant of Marriage Act

Present law provides that on receiving an application for a license to marry, the license-issuing officer shall deliver to each prospective spouse, either in person or by registered mail, a printed summary of the then current matrimonial regime laws of this state and the covenant marriage law of this state. Present law provides that the summary of matrimonial regime law shall emphasize the possibility of contracting expressly a regime of one's choosing before marriage, that spouses who have not entered into a matrimonial agreement before marriage become subject to the legal regime by operation of law, and the possibility of contracting after marriage to modify the matrimonial regime. Present law provides that the summary of covenant marriage law shall emphasize that counseling is mandatory at which time the necessary documents consisting of the declaration of intent and the attestation of the counselor shall be executed, that the couple agrees to take all reasonable steps to preserve their marriage if marital difficulties arise, including marriage counseling, that divorce in a covenant marriage is restricted to fault by a spouse and living separate and apart for two years and that divorce under the general marriage law of this state differs significantly. Proposed law retains present law and requires the summary to emphasize that expenses for additional legal and marital counseling may be incurred by a couple in order to obtain a legal termination of a covenant marriage.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Any fiscal impact as a result of this measure would be borne by the couple seeking legal termination of a covenant marriage.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
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<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |
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