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Senate Bill 262

Sponsor: Senator Connie Binsfeld

Committee: Human Resources and Senior Citizens

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 262 as introduced 3-16-90:

The bill would amend the Paternity Act to permit the use of DNA profiling to determine paternity. "DNA profiling" would mean a validated scientific method of analyzing components of deoxyribonucleic acid molecules for the purpose of identifying the unique pattern of the components' chemical structure.

The results of DNA profiling conducted pursuant to the bill would be admissible in the trial of a case brought under the Paternity Act. If a determination of exclusion of paternity could not be made based on the results, a calculation of the probability of paternity based on the results made by a person the court determined was qualified to conduct DNA profiling would be admissible in evidence in the trial of the case.

If the probability of paternity determined by the qualified person were 99% or higher, paternity would have to be presumed. The burden of proof would be upon the alleged father to rebut the presumption.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: G. Olson

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