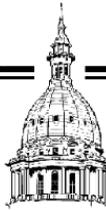




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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 750 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Robert Geake
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Probate Code to provide that a man would be considered the natural father of a child born out of wedlock, for purposes of intestate succession, if he and the mother signed an acknowledgment of parentage as provided in Senate Bill 749. (Currently, a man and the mother may sign an acknowledgment of paternity, which must be filed with the probate court.)

The bill would take effect on October 1, 1996, and is tie-barred to Senate Bill 749, which would create the "Acknowledgment of Parentage Act" to provide that a child's mother and a man could sign an acknowledgment of parentage form that would establish paternity; require completed forms to be filed with the State Registrar, who would have to review and file them in a central registry; and provide that a child's mother, a man signing an acknowledgment, a child, or a prosecuting attorney could file a claim for revocation of an acknowledgment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. In fact, according to the Office of Child Support (OCS), the package of bills could allow for some Federal and State fund savings due to a number of efficiencies, such as creating improved record access and eliminating some system problems. Currently, it is difficult to calculate actual savings; however, the OCS will monitor the process in the regional and local offices to determine the fiscal impact on the system.

Date Completed: 1-17-96

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