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Senate Bill 569 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen

Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Child Custody Act to require the court, in actions involving a child custody dispute, to establish rights and duties relating to child custody, support, and parenting time in accordance with Chapter 50B of the Revised Judicature Act, if the actions were arbitrated under that chapter.

(Under Chapter 50B, parties to a domestic relations dispute may agree to binding arbitration to determine an award for child custody, child support, or parenting time, among other provisions. The circuit court must enforce an arbitrator's award in the same manner as a court order.)

MCL 722.24 Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would limit the level of court review when parties agree to binding arbitration in child custody matters. The bill would result in indeterminate administration savings to local units of government.

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