

**Fiscal Services Division**  
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**Fiscal Note**

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SF 2290 - Family Law Attorney Fees (LSB 5233 SV)

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**Description**

Senate File 2290 increases the maximum allowable reimbursement by \$200 per child for payment of reasonable attorney fees and other expenses related to certain paternity and adoption proceedings.

**Background**

Under current law, when a child with special needs is adopted, the adoptive family is expected to absorb legal fees and court costs above \$500.

**Assumptions**

1. In FY 2005, legal fees were paid for an estimated 1,035 children.
2. In FY 2006 to date, legal fees were paid for an estimated 518 children.
3. The federal IV-E match is 50.0% for legal fees.

**Fiscal Impact**

The portion of legal fees that will exceed \$500 cannot be determined. Based on FY 2005 figures, the maximum fiscal impact to the General Fund would be an estimated \$103,500 and a \$103,500 impact on Federal Funds.

**Sources**

Department of Human Services  
Judicial Branch

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