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Bill Number: S. 0510 Introduced on February 13, 2019
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Subject: Alimony
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Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill will increase the number and complexity of family court hearings related to alimony modification. The Judicial Department indicates that any expenditures related to increased caseloads can be managed within existing appropriations. As such, the bill will have no impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Judicial Department.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

The bill amends the provisions for the modification or termination of alimony payments. The bill specifies factors to be considered when evaluating changed circumstances since the commencement of alimony or spousal support payments, and provides that if the court finds changed circumstances, then it is to apply the factors identified in the original alimony award statute.

The Judicial Department indicates that the number and complexity of alimony modification hearings will increase as a result of this bill. The bill would provide new grounds for relief and new standards for determining entitlement to relief from alimony payments. The department further indicates that data are not available to predict the increase in the number of family court proceedings that may result, but any additional expenditures related to the increased caseloads will be managed within the department's existing appropriations. As such, the bill will have no impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Judicial Department.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director