LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6392 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 1, 2025

BILL NUMBER: HB 1080 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Family Reunification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cash

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill prohibits the Department of Child Services (DCS) from recommending and a court from ordering certain family reunification programs.

The bill requires the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) to establish a judicial training program for an individual who presides over family law or juvenile law matters. The bill requires the judicial training program established by the OJA to include certain information regarding domestic violence.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the bill also requires an individual who presides over family law or juvenile law matters to attend the judicial training established by the OJA at least one time each year.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: <u>Summary</u> - This bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the workload of the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA).

<u>Additional Information</u> - Tennessee passed Abrial's Law in 2024, which contains similar provisions as this bill. The fiscal impact statement for Tennessee's bill denoted implementation of the law would not have a significant fiscal impact.

The bill would primarily impact the workload of the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) to establish judicial training for individuals who preside over family law and juvenile matters. Currently, the OJA offers training to family and juvenile court judges. The required training could be offered along with other training opportunities currently provided.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The courts can implement the bill with current resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected: DCS; OJA.

Local Agencies Affected: Family and juvenile courts.

Information Sources:

https://www.aol.com/tennessee-lawmakers-unanimously-passed-abrials-195153668.html; https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Fiscal/FM1140.pdf; https://www.in.gov/courts/iocs/education/

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