

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 1277 |
| Version: | INT |
| Request Number: | 5966 |
| Author: | Rep. Dunlap |
| Date: | 2/20/2017 |
| Impact: | \$0 to the State |

Research Analysis

HB1277, as introduced, creates the Fairness in Fault Act. The measure requires the party at fault in a divorce proceeding to pay for the other party's expenses and attorney fees and be awarded only ¼ of the marital property if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that one spouse caused the dissolution of marriage by committing one or more of the grounds for divorced outline in law. The measure also prohibits divorce on the basis of incompatibility if there are living minor children from the marriage, the parties have been married 10 years or longer or if either party files a written objection to the granting of a divorce.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1277, as introduced, which deals with marriage, has no fiscal impact for the state.

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Other Considerations

Under this measure, a court may find by a preponderance of the evidence that one spouse caused the dissolution of the marriage and the court shall award only ¼ of the marital property to that spouse and ¾ of the marital property will be retained by the other spouse.