

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 03-3297/1	Introduction Number AB-557	Estimate Type Original
Subject Prohibiting refusal to order genetic tests if mother or her husband desires to rebut the presumption of paternity		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 557 would prohibit the court from refusing to order genetic tests when the child's mother or her husband desires to rebut the presumption of paternity prior to the entry of judgment in a divorce, legal separation, custody or paternity action. Under current law, the court may refuse to order tests if it is determined that it would not be in the best interests of the child. This bill will make it easier to obtain genetic testing by court order and to have the results of genetic tests admitted into evidence. That is likely to cause some increase in the number of cases where the presumption of paternity is rebutted and the obligation to provide child support terminated which could lead to an increased reliance on public assistance.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications