
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Ricardo Lara, Chair
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SB 273 (Hill) - Marriage: minors

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Policy Vote: JUD. 7 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

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Consultant: Shaun Naidu

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 25, 2017

Bill Summary: SB 273 would reform the process by which the court may approve of the marriage of a minor.

Fiscal Impact:

- Family Court Services: Unknown costs (General Fund) for a family law facilitator to separately interview both parties to a proposed marriage and at least one guardian of the minor in the proposed marriage and to prepare a report with recommendations to the court. The Judicial Council estimates at least one day of the facilitator's time to complete these tasks.
- Court interview: Unknown costs for the court to interview each party to the proposed marriage and the guardian of the minor in the proposed marriage. If the court spends an average of one hour interviewing the specified persons for each petition for marriage by a minor for 11 cases, it would cost the court roughly \$10,000 (General Fund). Looking at specific counties with available data, in a recent four-year period, there was an average of 11 legally-recognized marriages including a minor in Los Angeles County. During that same period, Alameda County reported 5 to 10 per year, while San Bernardino reported 21 total petitions.

Committee Amendments: Strike the mandate to collect and report specified data.

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