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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. Jahn**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services**Fiscal Analyst:** Janis Baron (303-866-3523)

TITLE: CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS PERTAINING TO CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING SPECIFIED ADVISEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT SUCH PROCEEDINGS.

Summary of Assessment

The bill requires that specified petition and summons documents contain an advisement to parties regarding genetic testing. The bill clarifies procedures for accomplishing service in actions to determine the existence of the father-child relationship and in actions to compel a parent to support a child. At the informal hearing held after an action has been brought, the judge or magistrate is required to declare the existence or nonexistence of the father-child relationship. At the child support hearing the judge or magistrate is required to advise the parties of specified issues regarding genetic testing. A court with jurisdiction is authorized to determine the liability of persons for the support of another person to enter an order concerning allocation of parental responsibilities, and makes an exception. The bill includes the following effective dates:

- Sections 3, 6, 10, 11 — Upon signature of the Governor and shall apply to actions filed on and after that date.
- Section 8 — July 1, 2005, and shall apply to actions filed on and after that date.
- Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 — January 1, 2006, and shall apply to actions filed on and after that date.

Judicial Branch. Forms changes required by the bill can be made without new funding. The required advisement is currently performed in many courts, and where it is not, the time required will be minimal. The bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Human Services

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