

FISCAL NOTE

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Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: Alaska Court System
 Title Military Deployment and Child Custody RDU Trial Courts
 Sponsor _____ Representative Thomas _____ Component _____
 Requester _____ Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

House Bill 334 changes some of the provisions that govern child custody in cases where a parent is a service member who is or recently has been deployed. Two provisions have the potential to impact the court system. The first is the right to a custody hearing within 10 days after a service member requests the hearing after returning from deployment. Courts already frequently set these hearings on an expedited basis and this change will probably not have a significant impact on current practices. However, should a significant number of hearings be sought soon after the return of a large number of deployed service members, this may create scheduling problems.

The second possible impact involves internet testimony when a deployed parent wishes to participate in a custody hearing. The court can currently use this technology in the courts most likely to hear these cases (Anchorage, Fairbanks and Palmer). Any associated costs are likely to be minor and can be absorbed without the need for additional funding.

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