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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4424 by Hernandez (Relating to operations fees and child support service fees assessed by domestic relations offices.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Family Code to authorize an administering entity of a domestic relations office to collect an operations fee or child support service fee on the filing of a motion for modification or motion for enforcement. Under current statute, the fees are collected at the time the original suit is filed.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house. If the bill does not receive the votes required to pass, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

The authorized amount of an operations fee is no more than \$15 and the authorized amount of a service fee is not more than \$36. The total amount of fees collected is retained by the counties. The revenue gain from collecting fees for a motion for modification or a motion for enforcement would vary by county and would depend on the number of motions filed.

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