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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27489 / H0466

The purpose of this bill is to prevent forced or coerced marriages and the trafficking of children and to limit marriage to those with the ability to protect themselves from abuse. This bill restricts the age difference of individuals under age eighteen years of age and not less than sixteen years of age to three years. This bill also sets a minimum legal age for marriage at sixteen years of age.

There is no impact to the general fund. There may be some minimal savings to some local courts because marriage under the age of sixteen is no longer allowed and thus court intervention for marriages under the age of sixteen will no longer be necessary.

FISCAL NOTE

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