



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6660

House of Representatives, May 1, 2013

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. FOX, G. of the 146th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) Prior to sentencing a
2 defendant convicted of a criminal offense for which a sentence of
3 imprisonment may be imposed, the court shall permit the defendant to
4 submit a family impact statement if the defendant is the parent or
5 guardian of a minor child and has physical custody of the minor child.
6 The judge shall consider such family impact statement prior to
7 pronouncing any sentence.

8 (b) A family impact statement submitted by a defendant pursuant to
9 subsection (a) of this section may address the impact on the minor
10 child and other family members that would result if the defendant is
11 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, including, but not limited to, the
12 impact on the financial needs of the child and other family members,
13 the relationship between the defendant and the child, the availability
14 of community and family support for the child, the defendant's
15 employment history and available employment opportunities,

16 programs available to rehabilitate the defendant if the defendant is not
17 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, the seriousness of the offense
18 and the defendant's criminal history.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill permits the submission of a family impact statement prior to the sentencing for a crime and does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6660*****AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Superior Court to allow a defendant who is the parent or guardian of a minor child to submit a family impact statement, which the judge must consider before sentencing. The defendant must have physical custody of the minor child and be convicted of a criminal offense for which a prison sentence may be imposed.

The bill allows such defendant to use the family impact statement to address the impact imprisonment would have on the child and other family members. This may include:

1. the impact on the financial needs of the child and other family members,
2. the relationship between the defendant and the child,
3. the availability of community and family support for the child,
4. the defendant's employment history and available employment opportunities,
5. programs available to rehabilitate the defendant if he or she is not sentenced to imprisonment,
6. the seriousness of the offense, and
7. the defendant's criminal history.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 10 (04/12/2013)