

SENATE 1052:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT

(summary reflects text as redrafted)

SPONSORS:

Senator Creem

LEGISLATIVE

HISTORY:

01/09/25	Petition filed
02/27/25	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
04/22/25	Hearing held
06/12/25	Bill reported favorably by the Committee and referred to the Committee on Senate Ways and Means

EXISTING LAWS

AFFECTED:

M.G.L. c. 209B

PROPOSED

LEGISLATION

- Establishes updated standards for determining child custody jurisdiction, prioritizing the “home state” of the child at the time of commencement of the proceeding.
- Clarifies jurisdictional authority for modifying out-of-state child custody orders.
- Updates procedures for registering, recognizing and enforcing out-of-state child custody determinations in Massachusetts.
- Incorporates protections for parties from personal jurisdiction solely based on their presence in Massachusetts for custody proceedings.
- Specifies notice requirements and allows for hearings and enforcement actions if custody proceedings occur simultaneously in multiple states.
- Allows a party to a child-custody proceeding to participate by telephone, audiovisual or other electronic means.
- Allows an individual residing in another state to be deposed or to testify by telephone, audiovisual means or other electronic means before a designated court or at another location in that state.

ESTIMATED

FISCAL

IMPACT:

This legislation has no cost to the Commonwealth.

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