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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 749 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Robert Geake
Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would create the "Acknowledgment of Parentage Act" to:

- Provide that a child's mother and a man could sign an acknowledgment of parentage form that would establish paternity.
- Require completed forms to be filed with the State Registrar, who would have to review and file them in a central registry.
- Require a form to contain specific notices to the parties, including notice that the acknowledgment would waive genetic testing and a trial to determine paternity.
- Provide that after a mother and father signed an acknowledgment, the mother would be presumed to have custody of the minor child unless otherwise ordered or agreed.
- Require the State Registrar to prepare and approve the form and make it available to the public.
- Provide that a child's mother, a man signing an acknowledgment, a child, or a prosecuting attorney could file a claim for revocation of an acknowledgment.

The bill would take effect on October 1, 1996.

Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of establishing and maintaining the central registry that would be required under the bill would be approximately \$300,000. It appears that Federal funds would be available through the Department of Social Services to cover at least a portion of the costs of the new registry.

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