

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5766

As of February 14, 1995

Title: An act relating to applicants for aid to families with dependent children.

Brief Description: Requiring that applicants in order to be eligible for aid to families with dependent children provide the name of both parents of children.

Sponsors: Senators Deccio, Wood, Hochstatter, Finkbeiner, Schow, Strannigan, McCaslin, West, Oke and Quigley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/17/95.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Staff: Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

Background: Public assistance is not currently conditioned upon the naming of both parents of the child or children in the assistance unit.

Summary of Bill: Aid to Families with Dependent Children is conditioned upon naming both parents of the child or children in the assistance unit, unless the reason for refusal or inability to name is based upon federal criteria.

Federal "good cause" criteria include refusal based upon the following: rape or incest, pending or contemplated adoption proceedings, records indicating possible infliction of harm by the absent parent, medical history of mental health problems, and affidavits from third parties regarding evidence of good cause.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 6, 1995.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.