
SENATE BILL 5859

State of Washington

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By Senator Fortunato

Prefiled 12/18/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to studying the use of separate judges to
2 determine parenting plans and property distribution in marriage
3 dissolution cases; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The administrative office of the courts
6 shall study the judicial impacts of requiring, in every marriage
7 dissolution case, separate judges to determine parenting plans and
8 the distribution of property and liabilities. Studied impacts must
9 include facility, personnel, procedural, and training costs. The
10 study shall be delivered to the relevant standing committees of the
11 legislature by June 30, 2025.

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