

## **SB 898 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

**Meeting Dates:** 4/3, 4/18

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates Task Force on Custody and Parenting Time. Sunsets on December 31, 2018.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Relationship to SB 550
- Influenced by recent Illinois law

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Adds requirement to study effect of creating rebuttable presumption for equal parenting time.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 898 creates the Task Force on Custody and Parenting Time. The task force consists of 13 members specified in the measure. SB 898 requires the task force to research and study several matters related to domestic relations law, including the effect on parents and children of awarding sole custody to one parent and the effect of changing key terms used in domestic relations laws, such as "custody" and "visitation." The task force must report its findings and recommendations for legislation to Legislative Assembly by August 15, 2018.