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Research Analysis

SB560 adds a definition of *coercive control* to a section of statute relating to child custody. Coercive control is defined as unreasonably engaging in any of the listed conduct with a current former spouse, current or former intimate partners or individuals in a dating relationship, or persons who are biological parents of the same child. Included conduct is as follows:

- intentionally isolating the person from sources of support;
- depriving the person of basic necessities;
- controlling, regulating, or monitoring the person's movements, communications, daily behavior, finances, economic resources, or access to services, which includes stalking or cyberstalking;
- compelling the person by force, threat or intimidation including threats based on actual or suspected immigration status to engage in conduct that they have the right to abstain from or abstain from conduct they have the right to pursue;
- committing or threatening to commit animal cruelty that threatens the person;
- forced sex acts or threats of a sexual nature; or
- making demands on the person the limits free will and leads to compliance.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure adds a definition of "coercive control" to existing statute related to child custody. In its current form, SB560 is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.