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Bill Analysis

SB 829 amends statutes governing divorce. The measure strikes language permitting a no-fault divorce. The measure provides that divorce due to abandonment may only be instituted if one of the parties is habitually drunk for a period of 1 year or certified as insane by 3 physicians for a period of 5 years. The measure provides that divorce shall not be granted to any applicant claiming abandonment due to incarceration in another state unless the applicant has resided in the state for a period of 5 years. The measure strikes provisions allowing divorce on the grounds of incompatibility, gross neglect of duty, or imprisonment. The measure requires the court to consider the degree of harm caused by a party, or both parties, held at fault for the dissolution of the marriage. Additionally, the measure requires the party found to be at fault to establish a trust fund for the children of a marriage in addition to child support and alimony. The court shall designate an executor of the trust fund and give priority to the non-at-fault parent to serve as the executor of the trust.

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