



S.F. No. 543 – Reallocating Fee Revenue; Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership Funding Increase

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Section 1 increases, from \$30 to \$60, the amount of the marriage dissolution court filing fee allocated to the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership (MFRP). The marriage dissolution filing fee is \$315. Under the bill, \$60 of the fee will be allocated to the MFRP and the remaining \$255 will be credited to the general fund.

Section 2 increases, from \$25 to \$55, the MFRP allocation of the marriage license fee for applicants who have not completed premarital education, with the general fund allocation decreasing from \$55 to \$25.

Fiscal Implications

A fiscal note has been requested and is pending. However, for planning purposes, the following calculations are based on the 2023 fiscal note for SF 1474, an identical bill.

The \$30 increase in the MFRP allocation of divorce filing fees will result in MFRP receiving an additional \$446,000 annually (with a concomitant decrease in general fund revenue). The \$30 allocation increase for marriage licenses will result in an annual increase to MFRP of \$682,000 (again, with a concomitant decrease in the general fund).

The total general fund cost of the bill is \$1,128,000 each year, or \$2,256,000 for the biennium. This would be an ongoing cost.

