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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Judiciary

Primary Sponsors: Sens. DeMora and Blessing

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill prohibits marriage for individuals under 18, with no exceptions.
- County juvenile courts may experience a negligible decrease in administrative costs related to considerations made for marriage by 17-year-olds, as permitted under current law.
- County probate court may also experience a negligible decrease or delay in marriage license fees, which will vary by jurisdiction.

Detailed Analysis

Current law allows 17-year-olds to marry with the approval of a juvenile court and if a series of conditions are first met. The bill repeals this process, effectively mandating that all individuals seeking a marriage license must be at least 18 years old.

County juvenile courts may experience a negligible decrease in applications to marry from those 17 years of age, thus resulting in potential cost savings. County probate courts may also experience a negligible decrease or delay in marriage license fees, which vary by jurisdiction. In 2025, the Franklin County Juvenile Court received one consent-to-marry request from a 17-year-old, and the request was granted.