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Senate Bill 476 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
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Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

Senate Bill 476 (S-1) would amend Chapter 50b (Domestic Relations Arbitration) of the Revised Judicature Act to require that a review or modification of child support, child custody, or parenting time be based on the portion of the record of an arbitration hearing concerning child custody, support, or parenting time, and additional evidence if necessary. The bill also would remove a provision under which such a review or modification is subject to standards and procedures in other applicable statutes and court rules.

The bill specifies that Section 5080 (the section it would amend) would not apply to the review or modification of an order or judgment entered by the court. The review or modification of a court order or judgment regarding child support, custody, or parenting time would have to be conducted, and would be subject to standards and procedures, as provided in other applicable law and court rules.

Senate Bill 477 (S-1) would amend the Child Custody Act to require a court's decision in a child custody dispute to be in accordance with Chapter 50b of the Revised Judicature Act, if the action were arbitrated under that chapter.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills address court procedure and would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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