



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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The Committee amended the bill to provide that the child's mother or the putative father of the child may bring an action to determine the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship in the appropriate division of the Court of Common Pleas *in the county in which the child resides*, without requesting an administrative determination, if the child's mother or the putative father of the child *brings the action in order to request* an order to determine, among other things, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, to provide that the current law that states that a parentage action may be brought in the juvenile court or other court with jurisdiction of the county in, among others, the child's mother or the alleged father resides or is found, does not apply when the child's mother or the putative father of the child brings an action to determine the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship in the appropriate division of the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which the child resides without requesting an administrative determination, to allow the court to make a temporary order regarding the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child while an action pertaining to the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities is pending, to allow the court to take into consideration that the putative father is named on the birth record of the child, the child has the putative father's surname, or a clear pattern of a parent and child relationship between the putative father and the child exists when determining whether to award parenting time, visitation rights, or temporary custody to a putative father, and to provide that the Child Support Enforcement Agency may bring an action to determine the existence or nonexistence of a father and child relationship if the child's father or putative father is a recipient of public assistance or of services under Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act."

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.