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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
**FROM:** Chair Michael J. Rodrigues  
**DATE:** October 3, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Poll

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Attached is a summary of the bill presently before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Committee members will be polled today from 9:30 am to 10:30 am on the question of reporting the bill favorably.

Please be advised that under Senate Rule 12, all recorded votes of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means will be posted on the website of the General Court immediately following the conclusion of the poll.

Do not hesitate to contact Aaron Carty in my office if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation.

**SENATE 2754:**

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT**

*(summary reflects text as redrafted)*

**SPONSORS:**

Senator Creem

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

Reported from the Committee on The Judiciary, New draft of S923, Bill reported favorably by the Committee and referred to the Committee on Senate Ways and Means

**EXISTING LAWS**

**AFFECTED:**

M.G.L. c. 209B

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

- Establishes updated standards for determining child custody jurisdiction, prioritizing the “home state” of the child.
- Clarifies jurisdictional authority for modifying out-of-state child custody orders.
- Updates procedures for registering, recognizing and enforcing out-of-state child custody determinations in Massachusetts.
- Incorporates protections for parties from personal jurisdiction solely based on their presence in Massachusetts for custody proceedings.
- Specifies notice requirements and allows for hearings and enforcement actions if custody proceedings occur simultaneously in multiple states.
- Allows a party to a child-custody proceeding to participate by telephone, audiovisual or other electronic means.
- Allows an individual residing in another state to be deposed or to testify by telephone, audiovisual means or other electronic means before a designated court or at another location in that state.

**ESTIMATED**

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:**

This legislation has no cost to the Commonwealth.

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