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## **Senate Aging & Youth Committee**

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### **Analysis Senate Bill 23, P.N. 682**

**Prime Sponsor: Senator Lisa Baker**

#### **Overview**

Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) and definition of perpetrator and person responsible for the child's welfare.

#### **Summary**

Amends the Child Protective Services Law by:

- Striking the current definition of "perpetrator" and inserting that the term includes only the following:
  - A parent of the child
  - A spouse or former spouse of a parent of the child
  - A paramour or former paramour of the parent
  - An individual who is 14 years of age or older, and:
    - resides in the same household as the child;
    - is present when and where the alleged child abuse occurred; or
    - is related to the child within the fifth degree of consanguinity or affinity but does not reside in the same household as the child.
  - A person responsible for the child's welfare.
  
- Amending the definition of "person responsible for the child's welfare" by:
  - Removing the school employee exclusion
  - Including an individual who has direct or regular contact with a child through any program, activity or service sponsored by a school, for-profit organization or religious or other not-for-profit organization, regardless of where the child abuse occurs.

#### **Effective Date**

60 days