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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4568

By Delegates Drennan, Dittman, Moore, Leavitt,

Hornby, and Heckert

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21 by order entered upon the order book of the circuit court and are effective when filed with the Clerk
22 of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

23 (c) Prior to the 2003 regular session of the Legislature and annually thereafter, the
24 Supreme Court of Appeals shall report to the Legislature on the caseload in each family court
25 circuit and shall recommend changes to the management of the family court as the Supreme Court
26 of Appeals deems warranted or necessary to improve the family court.

27 (d) The Supreme Court of Appeals shall promulgate a procedural rule to establish time-
28 keeping requirements for family court judges, family case coordinators and secretary-clerks of
29 family court judges so as to assure the maximum funding of incentive payments, grants and other
30 funding sources available to the state for the processing of cases filed for the location of absent
31 parents, the establishment of paternity and the establishment, modification and enforcement of
32 child support orders.

33 (e) For purposes of this section, "abuse of process" includes, but is not limited to, the willful
34 or malicious misuse or misapplication of lawfully issued process to accomplish some purpose not
35 intended or warranted by that process, including, but not limited to, harassment, intimidation or
36 improper influence of a litigant or witness.