

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: SB 649
Subject: Children and Minors; Courts, Juvenile; Domestic Relations; Family Law;
 Marriage and Divorce
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General	(Less than \$34,000)	(Less than \$34,000)	(Less than \$34,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Less than \$34,000)	(Less than \$34,000)	(Less than \$34,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Federal*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Income and costs of less than \$66,000 would net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and **Department of Revenue** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Family Support Division (FSD)** state the proposal will require the obligated parent to request, in writing, documents related to the child's education. FSD assumes this will reduce the amount of time FSD staff devote to determining whether a child has complied with the current statute, which requires that the documents be provided each semester without a written request from the obligated parent.

FSD states changing the credit our enrollment requirement from 12 hours to 9 hours per semester mean more children will meet the statutory requirements for continued support. FSD expects to provide enforcement services related to the collection of current support for more children during the period of their higher education. Removal of the provision which currently provides that a child taking 9 credit hours may remain eligible for support if he or she is employed at least 15 hours per week should reduce the amount of time division staff devote to investigating compliance with this requirement.

FSD assumes they will need to make changes to the forms and procedures used by staff to

ASSUMPTION (continued)

determine if a child is eligible to receive current child support. FSD expect the revisions to forms and procedures would be less than \$100,000. FSD states the state match for child support is 34%.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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GENERAL REVENUE

Costs - Department of Social Services -
 Family Support Division

Program costs	<u>(Less than \$34,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$34,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$34,000)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(LESS THAN \$34,000)</u>	<u>(LESS THAN \$34,000)</u>	<u>(LESS THAN \$34,000)</u>
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FEDERAL

Income - Department of Social Services -
 Family Support Division

Program reimbursements	Less than \$66,000	Less than \$66,000	Less than \$66,000
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Costs - Department of Social Services -
 Family Support Division

Program costs	<u>(Less than \$66,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$66,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$66,000)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal provides that parents will be obligated to continue paying child support for a child past his or her eighteenth birthday if such child provides proof, upon written request by the parent sent by certified mail, that they are attending an institution of vocational or higher education. If the child fails to provide the requested documentation within twenty days, the child support obligation will be abated until the child provides the information, or until the child provides evidence that he or she has attempted to obtain the information from the institution.

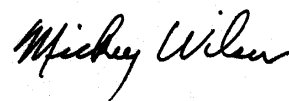
An attempt by the parent obligated to pay support to send a written request for the child's educational information to the parent entitled to receive support shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of the statute, as long as the child receives the request. An attempt by the child to send the requested documents to the parent entitled to receive support shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of the statute, as long as the support-paying parent receives the documents.

This proposal also alters the minimum hours of attendance for continued obligation of support to nine hours a semester or academic term, rather than twelve hours, and eliminates the requirement that a child who is taking less than twelve hours must prove that they are employed for at least fifteen hours weekly.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Department of Revenue
Office of State Courts Administrator



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