

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 544

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Increases penalties for failure to pay child support

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:75(C), relative to child support; to provide for penalties for
3 failure to pay child support; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:75(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §75. Failure to pay child support obligation

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8 C.(1) For a first offense, the penalty for failure to pay a legal child support
9 obligation shall be a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or imprisonment for
10 not more than six months, or both.

11 (2) For a second or subsequent offense, the penalty for failure to pay a legal
12 child support obligation shall be a fine of not more than ~~twenty-five~~ two thousand
13 five hundred dollars or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than one
14 year nor more than ~~two years~~ five years, or both.

15 (3) Upon a conviction under this statute, the court shall order restitution in
16 an amount equal to the total unpaid support obligation as it exists at the time of
17 sentencing.

18 (4) In any case in which restitution is made prior to the time of sentencing,
19 except for a second or subsequent offense, the court may suspend all or any portion
20 of the imposition or execution of the sentence otherwise required in this Subsection.

