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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 85** SLS 14RS 495

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Child Care Costs in Calculating Basic Child Support	

FAMILY LAW

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Provides for consideration of certain child care expenses for purposes of child support when the expenses are incurred by a parent receiving job training or education. (8/1/14)

Proposed law allows child care costs to include the reasonable child care expenses incurred by either parent while receiving job training or education necessary to obtain employment or enhance earning potential when calculating the basic child support obligation. Proposed law provides worksheets for the calculation of total child support obligation including child care costs. Proposed law is effective 08/01/2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable increase in state expenditures. Proposed legislation changes the calculation of basic child support obligations by including child care expenses while a parent is receiving job training or attending school. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is unable to determine how many modification actions in child support cases will be filed as a result of this measure. The LFO anticipates that a minimum increase of modification actions filed with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Child Support Enforcement section can be absorbed using existing staff and resources. To the extent that the number of modification actions filed exceeds the amount that can be absorbed with existing staff and resources, state expenditures may increase in the Child Support Enforcement section due to increased workload associated with processing modification actions and enforcement of child support obligations. Expenditures in the Child Support Enforcement section require a 34% state match to draw down federal funds.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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