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FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: House "A"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT AND VISITATION RIGHTS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Judiciary, Human Services, Finance, Revenue and Bonding

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5748

STATE IMPACT	Yes, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Judicial Department, Department of Human Resources

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of the bill as amended would result in an estimated cost of \$10,000 to the Department of Human Resources for operating expenses of the Commission for Child Support Guidelines in response to Section 1 of the bill, which requires the updating of guidelines by January, 1993.

It is estimated that Section 5 of the bill as amended will result in a \$1 million savings to the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program. This would result from execution of approximately 700 new orders for employed fathers to provide medical insurance to children receiving benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. To the extent that such orders would be executed in cases in which the father is a State employee, a potential cost for State employee health insurance may result.

An estimated \$261,000 in revenue to the State is anticipated as a result of garnishing State Income Tax refunds from an estimated 3,000 estimated individuals.

The requirement that the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) modify its systems for the retention of State income tax refunds in child support cases would result in a minimal cost, that can be absorbed within normal budgetary resources. If the information supplied to DRS does not include the individual's Social Security number there may be additional costs, the extent of which cannot be determined at this time.

No fiscal impact is associated with provisions of the bill regarding adoption of a fee schedule.

A revenue gain of \$740,000 would result from Sections 10 and 11 of the bill as amended which would allow the State to recover court costs in AFDC and non-AFDC cases.

In addition, a minimal cost to the Judicial Department would be incurred as a result of developing and disseminating contempt citation applications for violations or modifications of visitation orders.

House Amendment "A" resulted in a cost avoidance to the Judicial Department, Division of Criminal Justice and Department of Correction by eliminating new penalties for certain types of custodial interference contained in the original bill. A minimal cost to the Judicial Department also resulted for the development of certain forms. In addition, the amendment eliminated a revenue loss in the original bill associated with raising the threshold of support arrearage needed to trigger a tax refund interception in AFDC cases.

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