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BILL NUMBER: sSB 60
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT BUREAU AND FAMILY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND ELIMINATING CERTAIN GRANTS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services, Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill would allow the Department of Human Resources or the court to impose a fee not to exceed six percent against an absent parent who does not make timely payment on an order for payment of current child support or support arrearage. The fee may be imposed only once on any given arrearage or overdue amount. The bill would also establish the pilot Family Support Demonstration program as a permanent program. Finally, it would eliminate the Temporary Housing program under the Department of Human Resources.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 60

STATE IMPACT	Implements a Provision in the Budget, Revenue Gain, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Human Resources, Judicial Department

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

A reduction in funding, in the amount of \$327,502, has been made in sHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for fiscal year 1992-93 for the Temporary Housing grant. In addition, funds in the amount of \$80,480 have been included in sHB 5100, for the continued operation of the Family Support Demonstration Program. It should be noted that the benefit amount for this program which was \$257.00 per month is anticipated to be reduced to \$250.00 so as to establish a uniform subsidy for both this program and the Family Support Grant Program under the Department of Mental Retardation.

Finally, the imposition of a fee of up to six percent against the arrearages of an absent parent who does not make timely child support payments is anticipated to generate approximately \$421,200 in new revenues in SFY 1992-93 based upon 3 months operation and an estimated average collection factor of \$140,400 per month. Full-year revenues would approximate \$1,684,000.

The Department of Human Resources and the Judicial Department are anticipated to experience minor administrative costs which can be absorbed within their normal operating budgets.