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Hello, I was made aware of the HB 1458 and how it could possibly affect and help in the matter of child support payments and totals. I am a Father to 3 beautiful children and also one that is not biologically mine. The ages are 12, 8, 6, 2. I have separated from my wife and soon to be divorce by 2/1/23. Since the separation and paper work filed on divorce, I have supported my child. I was made aware of the Child Support total that is expected of me and I can't understand how I will make ends meet. I carry health insurance on the children as well through my job and it is not free. The insurance is a 400+ dollars weekly totaling 800+ dollars a month. This is already a hard enough transition form a two income house hold switching to one income and still doing things with the children for entertainment etc. Not to mention starting over life and regaining things that were lost in the separation.

I wish there was some way to help the Fathers that are present in their children's life's without breaking their bank accounts and struggling pay check to paycheck. I hope the bill is passed and put in motion. That extra monthly deduction for health coverage should be considered, it is still income coming out of the working man's check. Consideration of the obligor that has to provide coverage for the children and reduce the final amount owed by the fair market value of the health insurance policy. Anything would help, I feel like a Father shouldn't have to struggle financially and not have any type of consideration. We have rights, We have lives too.

With Respect

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