

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
03/18/2003

Amendment to: SB 2246

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$174,900		
Expenditures			\$90,100	\$174,900		
Appropriations			\$90,100	\$174,900		

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill would implement a process for suspending occupational, recreational, drivers' and vehicle licenses or registrations for failure to pay child support. The bill increases the information the child support enforcement agency may obtain from employers regarding former employees and authorizes additional sanctions against employers who are delinquent in providing income withheld by the employer under an income withholding order. It would also authorize the Fully Automated Child Support Enforcement System (FACSES) to account for judgment interest on pre-July 1, 2002 arrears on a prospective basis beginning with January 2004. The license suspension and judgment interest sections would increase child support collections which would result in a decrease in general funds needed. The increase in collections is unknown. Costs would be incurred by the Department of Human Services for programming changes to FACSES and for postage to mail interest notices. The judiciary, clerks of court and some states attorneys will have a cost savings due to a reduction of contempt proceedings. The costs savings for this reduction is unknown.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The Department of Human Services would receive federal funds of \$174,900 for the 03-05 biennium which is 66% of the expenditures incurred.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The Department of Human Services would incur costs in the 03-05 biennium for programming FACSES; \$150,000 to implement the license suspension process and \$100,000 for judgment interest. Costs of \$15,000 would also be incurred to mail information notices about the judgment interest.

The judiciary, clerks of court, and some states attorneys would experience a reduction of expenditures due to a reduction in the number of contempt proceedings. The amount of the costs savings from this reduction is unknown.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the*

*biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.
Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The Department of Human Services would need additional appropriation authority of \$265,000 for the 03-05 biennium; \$90,100 of general funds and \$174,900 of other funds.

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