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House Bill 4772 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Barb Vander Veen
House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act to do the following:

- Require the Friend of the Court (FOC) to send a notice of arrearage if a support payer's income withholding were being administratively adjusted.
- Revise requirements regarding information that must be included in an arrearage notice.
- Allow a payer to contest an order of income withholding on the ground that an administrative adjustment would cause an unjust or inappropriate result.
- Revise provisions under which an employer may be held in contempt for failing to comply with an income withholding order; and provide that the Family Independence Agency would be responsible for initiating contempt proceedings.
- Allow a court to find a payer in contempt for failing to obtain a source of income and participate in a work activity after referral by the FOC; and order him or her to pay a maximum fine of \$100 to the FOC Fund.
- Require a court, upon finding a payer in contempt, to order him or her to participate in a work activity; and order him or her to pay a maximum fine of \$100 to the FOC Fund.

The bill would take effect on February 28, 2005.

MCL 552.607 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

It appears that the bill would have no fiscal impact on the Family Independence Agency. The Family Independence Agency, being the IV-D Agency under the Social Security Act, may incur some indeterminate administrative costs if it chooses to initiate contempt proceedings regarding a source of income.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the judiciary.

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