

Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number House Bill 511

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Bradley P. Marrs

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Child support; extraordinary medical expenses

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill revises the child support guideline by (i) providing that "gross income" shall not include income received by the payor parent from a second job that was taken in order to pay off child support arrearages and that cessation of the income is not the basis for a material change in circumstances; (ii) replacing the provision for "extraordinary medical and dental expenses" with a requirement that the parents pay in proportion to their incomes any reasonable and necessary unreimbursed medical or dental expenses in excess of \$250 per year per child; (iii) making computation and payment of medical and dental expenses in sole and split custody arrangements identical to that for shared custody arrangements (under which expenses are allocated in accordance with the parties' income shares and paid in addition to the basic child support obligation); (iv) directing the court to consider actual tax savings a party derives from the child-care cost deductions or credits; and (v) changing the guideline review from being completed every three years to being completed every four years.

6. Minimal fiscal impact. (see item 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This bill will require the Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) to update its Administrative Support Order (ASO) in its automated Child Support System (APECS). Assuming the changes would require a programmer and two analysts (320 hours over 8 weeks) to modify the APECS system, there will be a one-time cost of approximately \$55,500 that can be absorbed within the existing Division appropriation.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Social Services
Courts

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources