

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number Senate Bill 208

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

2. Patron Frederick M. Quayle

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Child support

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) directing the court to consider actual tax savings a party derives from the child-care cost deductions or credits; and (iv) changing the guideline review period 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

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources