

## Department of Social Services 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 633

House of Origin    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
Second House    ☐ In Committee    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ticer

**3. Committee:** -

**4. Title:** Prisoners; Notification of Child Support Due

**5. Summary:** This legislation, as amended, requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to cooperate with the Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) to provide at regular intervals, but at least annually, a list of persons incarcerated. Upon receipt of such list, DCSE must identify those prisoners who are the subject of a court or administrative order requiring them to pay child support and the amount of each prisoner's obligation. The division must then inform DOC of the prisoners owing child support payments so that DOC can inform the prisoner upon his reentry the amount of his arrearage.

**6. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would necessitate an enhancement in the systems capabilities of both DOC and DCSE to facilitate a data match or automated exchange of information. The projected cost for programming of the child support system is approximately \$80,000 (800 hours x \$100/hr). This one-time expenditure would be split between general fund (\$27,200) and federal dollars (\$52,800) and can be absorbed with existing DCSE appropriation.

The Department of Corrections has counselors at its reception and classification centers that work with inmates when they enter the state's prison system. Among other activities, these counselors provide the inmates with information regarding the procedures and processes that could affect them while they are incarcerated. This bill would add another piece of information that the counselors would need to provide—notice of any child support payments for which they are liable and their right to seek modification of the court order, along with information on how to seek the modification. Corrections should be able to provide this information in its intake process without any additional resources. Similarly, counselors are assigned to inmates in whatever correctional facility they are housed. These counselors provide the inmates with updates on various items that affect them and provide them with information they will need when they are released. The periodic information regarding the amount of child support arrearages owed could be provided by these counselors along with other information needed by the inmates.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Social Services

Department of Corrections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources