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SENATE BILL NO. 293

Offered January 20, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.1-251.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to federal tax refunds

Patron—Reynolds

Referred to the Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 63.1-251.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 63.1-251.4. Distribution of collections from federal tax refund offsets.

Distribution of amounts collected by the Department of Social Services as a result of an offset made under the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program (P.L. 97-35, as amended) to satisfy non-AFDC non-TANF past-due support from a federal tax refund based upon a joint return shall be made when the Department is notified that the unobligated spouse's proper share of the refund has been paid or sixty 180 days following receipt of the offset, whichever is earlier. The Department shall establish procedures for the prompt refund of any incorrect offset amounts and the compensation of unobligated spouses for the payment of their shares to obligees.