

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 731

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron McQuigg, Michele B.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Determination of child or spousal support; factors

5. Summary/Purpose: Revises, clarifies the wording, expands, and eliminates some of the factors that the court may consider in deviating from the guideline amount. Deviation factors were changed to allow for evaluation of the good faith and reasonableness of the parent's employment decisions when considering imputed income based on a party's change in employment, consideration of a parent's financial resources and special needs, consideration of the cost of visitation travel, and consideration of the standard of living for the child during the marriage, rather than the family. There is a provision that the amendments are not retroactive and cannot be the basis for a material change in circumstances upon which a modification of child support may be based.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to SB 167.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources