

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 313

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Child Support; Exemption for parents who are imprisoned for life

5. Summary: This legislation would clarify that only incarcerated non-custodial parents who are imprisoned for life with no chance of parole are exempted from paying the minimum child support obligation of \$65 per month. Currently, all parents who are imprisoned with no chance of parole are exempted.

6. Fiscal impacts are minimal

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have some impact on the amount of child support collected from certain incarcerated non-custodial parents. It is assumed that collections would increase to the extent that prisoners who are not imprisoned for life would no longer be exempt from the minimum child support obligation of \$65. Given the relatively small number of people this would impact, their difficulties in obtaining gainful employment after release from prison and thus, their general inability to make child support payments, there would be a minimal increase in collections. The Department of Social Services estimates an increase in revenue of approximately \$2,667 by the end of the first 12 months, escalating to a maximum annual increase of \$13,334 by year five.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This legislation is a companion to HB 1325.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources