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**SENATE BILL NO. 952**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-1907.1, relating to child support arrearage reduction program.*

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Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 63.2 a section numbered 63.2-1907.1 as follows:**

**§ 63.2-1907.1. Child support arrearage reduction program.**

*A. The Department shall establish a statewide child support arrearage reduction program whereby the total amount of an arrearage owed by an eligible obligor shall be reduced upon timely payment of child support, pursuant to an agreement between the obligor and the Department. An obligor shall be eligible for the child support arrearage reduction program if he has a child support arrearage and his household income is less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level. For the purposes of this section, a child support obligor's household shall include the children for whom the obligor is required to pay child support pursuant to an administrative or court order.*

*B. Upon request of an eligible obligor, the Department shall enter into an agreement with the obligor for the reduction of arrearages owed by the obligor upon timely payment of his child support obligation, as follows:*

*1. Upon timely payment of any child support owed for a period of six months from the effective date of the agreement, a reduction of the total amount of arrearages owed of five percent;*

*2. Upon timely payment of any child support owed for a period of 12 months from the effective date of the agreement, a reduction of the total amount of the arrearages owed of 10 percent;*

*3. Upon timely payment of any child support owed for a period of 18 months from the effective date of the agreement, a reduction of the total amount of the arrearages owed of 15 percent; and*

*4. Upon timely and complete payment of any child support owed for a period of 24 months from the effective date of the agreement, a reduction of the total amount of the arrearages owed of 25 percent.*

**2. That the Department of Social Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act.**

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