

Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 428

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Hope

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Support payments

5. Summary:

Under current law, if a noncustodial parent is jailed for nonsupport and is used by the county or city to work on a public service work project, the county or city is required to pay to the court \$5 to \$25, in the discretion of the court, for each week of work during any part of which the inmate worked, to be used for the support of the prisoner's family.

The proposed legislation would increase the payment amounts to \$20 to \$40 per week and have the payments made to the Department of Social Services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The legislation could result in an increase in the revenue for support payments made by inmates on jail work programs. According to the Department of Social Services (DSS), all of the increased revenues would go to the custodial parents and children, except for those families receiving TANF payments. If the funds are paid on a TANF case, half of the support would be retained by the state. In summary, counties and cities could be required to pay more and the state could collect more. However, it is not possible to project the amount of the fiscal impact on localities and DSS anticipates the increase in revenue from retained TANF collections to be minimal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Social Services
Counties and cities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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