Department of Planning and Budget
2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2059-E

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

2. **Patron:** Carr

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Nonpayment of child support; amount of arrearage paid; time period to pay arrearage.

5. **Summary:** Provides that an individual who is delinquent in child support payments or has failed to comply with a subpoena, summons, or warrant relating to paternity or child support proceedings is entitled to a judicial hearing if he makes a written request within 30 days from service of a notice of intent to suspend or renew his driver's license. Current law provides such an entitlement if such request is made within 10 days from such notice. The bill further allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew a driver's license or terminate a license suspension imposed on an individual if such individual has reached an agreement with the Department of Social Services to satisfy the child support payment delinquency within a 10-year period and has made at least one payment of at least five percent of the total delinquency or $600, whichever is less, as opposed to whichever is greater under current law, under such agreement. The bill further provides that, where such a repayment agreement has been entered into and such an individual has failed to comply with such agreement, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend or refuse to renew such individual's driver's license until it has received certification from the Department of Social Services that such individual has entered into a subsequent agreement to pay within a period of seven years and has paid the lesser amount, as opposed to greater amount under current law, of at least one payment of $1,200 or seven percent, as opposed to five percent under current law, of the current delinquency. The bill provides that an individual who fails to comply with such a subsequent agreement may enter into a new agreement if such individual has made a payment in the lesser amount, as opposed to the greater amount under current law, of $1,800 or 10 percent, as opposed to five percent under current law, and agrees to a repayment schedule of not more than seven years, which is consistent with the timeframe provided by the current law.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill makes changes to the grounds for suspension of an individual's driver's license. An individual that is delinquent in child support payments and

has failed to comply with a subpoena, summons, or warrant may request a judicial hearing within thirty days, instead of ten days. Also, when an individual with a suspended driver's license seeks a payment agreement with DSS, the bill would reduce the lump sum threshold required to enter into a payment plan. The changes this bill proposes are not expected to significantly impact collections, as the number of license suspensions averages less than two percent of total cases.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, Department of Motor Vehicles, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.