

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2055

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: Scott

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Child support obligations; party's incarceration not deemed voluntary unemployment/underemployment.

5. Summary: Provides that a party's incarceration for 180 or more consecutive days shall not ordinarily be deemed voluntary unemployment or underemployment for the purposes of calculating child support and imputing income for such calculation. The bill further provides that a party's incarceration for 180 or more days shall be a material change of circumstances upon which a modification of a child support order may be based.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This change would allow noncustodial parents to seek an adjustment to their child support orders after being incarcerated for 180 days or more. While some custodial parents may see a reduction in support payments, the Department of Social Services is rarely able to collect support from incarcerated parents, so any fiscal impact would be minimal. Additionally, most of the support collected is transferred to the custodial parent.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.