

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB464

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

Basic Change : Sponsors : Senator Burnett and Rep. M. Hodges

Section 1 updates the name of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program to the Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) program. Current law contains only the former name of the program and OCSE has cases under both titles in its caseload. Section 2 provides consistency with new federal guidelines on what constitutes the ability to provide healthcare coverage. Previously the definition of ability to provide healthcare was linked only to employer or group coverage. This change allows the inclusion of other insurance options including private or Medicaid coverage.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

No additional resources will be required.

Time Required :

No additional time would be required for implementation.

Procedural Changes :

None

Other Comments :

This bill will allow child support orders to include provisions for healthcare coverage to the extent allowed by federal guidelines. Additionally, it will allow that criteria to be considered by the court for modification of the child support obligation as a change of circumstances

Legal Analysis :

SB 464 would allow the use of current nomenclature and healthcare criteria in child support cases.