

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1962

Bill Subtitle: CONCERNING REFORMS TO THE CURRENT ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT STATUTES.

Basic Change :

Representative Gillam

HB 1962 would terminate spousal support under circumstances that would be considered the equivalent of remarriage, limit the percentage of the payer's net income to be paid to an amount not to exceed 25% if the payee was a wholly dependent spouse, structure payments in such a way to qualify as periodic payments for IRS purposes and provide for other circumstances pertaining to alimony. This bill does not change any provision concerning child support.

This bill follows current practice within the Office of Child Support Enforcement and does not present any problem for OCSE, if enacted.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

Current resources are sufficient.

Time Required :

None.

Procedural Changes :

None

Other Comments :

Currently, only 86 of the 130,000 open enforcement cases involve child support obligations in which an accruing spousal support provision is included with that order. Federal regulations require the collection of spousal support in these situations when requested. When a condition ending the spousal support obligation occurs, the Office of Child Support Enforcement, upon notice, ends collection activities for accruing support. Under this bill the procedure would remain the same. _

Legal Analysis :

HB1962 affects spousal support but does not impact child support activities.