

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB561

Bill Subtitle: TO REQUIRE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MINOR CHILD; AND TO ALLOW A COURT TO ORDER A PERSON RECEIVING CHILD SUPPORT TO FURNISH AN ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES PAID WITH CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Sen. Clark and Rep. Gazaway

SB561 amends current law to provide that a court, on its own motion or on motion of a payor parent and for good cause, may order a person to whom child support is owed to provide to the payor parent an accounting of expenses paid and how the payments benefit the minor children. The court may prescribe the form and time frame of the report. The accounting may be ordered in an initial order and be provided upon request of the payor parent with sufficient notice.

SB561 adds a new section providing that child support payments must be used for the benefit of the children for whom it is ordered. The new section also includes the above-described provision for an accounting of how the child support paid is used and benefits the children.

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

Parents seeking an accounting of the use of child support provided for their child would have an additional avenue to receive the information.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

None.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

Under § 9-14-103, any interested person may seek an order requiring that a person receiving funds for the support of a minor child file quarterly reports of the items or services purchased for the child, dates of purchase, and from whom purchased. Such reports must be public record. The stated purpose is that support ordered be solely for the benefit of the minor child.

Legal Analysis :

None.