

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-157

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS THIS PROPOSAL TO PERFORM AN INTERIM STUDY OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, THE USE OF CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS BY A CUSTODIAL PARENT, WAYS TO STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT BY THE STATE OF HOW CHILD SUPPORT IS USED BY A CUSTODIAL PARENT, AND HOW CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE USED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD.

WHEREAS, child support should be used by the custodial parent in a manner that is in the best interest of a child; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, a custodial parent does not spend a child support payment for the benefit of a child; and

WHEREAS, current state law does not require a custodial parent to report to the state how he or she spent a child support payment; and

WHEREAS, current state law does not identify how child support payments may be used by a custodial parent in the best interest of a child,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE 89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs this proposal to perform an interim study of child support payments, the use of child support payments by a custodial parent, ways to strengthen oversight by the state of how child support is used by a custodial parent, and how child support payments may be required to be used in the best interest of the child.

Respectfully submitted,

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