

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 185 (Delegate Branch)

Judiciary

Child Support - Modification of Award

This bill provides that in a case where the Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA) or a local enforcement office is providing child support services, the administration or the local enforcement office must inform a child support obligor of the obligor's right to file for a child support award modification. The information on the right to file for a modification must be given upon a showing of a material change of circumstances, including a material change in the obligor's financial condition, since the entry of the original award.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources. The bill is not expected to materially affect current child support collection levels.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The administration sends notices of arrearages to obligors. Current law addresses the duties of the court pertaining to filing a motion for a modification of child support award, but does not require the administration or local enforcement office to inform an obligor of the right of, and the requirements for, filing a motion for a modification of child support award. An obligor may file for an award modification upon showing a material change of circumstance.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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