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House Bill 1454

(Delegate McConkey)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Child Support - Change of Address or Employment

This bill authorizes a child support recipient to send notice of a change in address to a child support enforcement agency by filing in person at the agency and obtaining proof of filing or by calling or sending an electronic communication to the agency and obtaining proof of change. An obligor is authorized to send notice of a change of address or a new place of employment to a child support enforcement agency using the same means.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Department of Human Resources can provide obligors or recipients who update address or employment information in person, through electronic communications, or by telephone with the required proof of filing or change using existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: If the address of a child support recipient changes, the recipient, within 10 days after moving to the new address, must send the change of address to a support enforcement agency that receives the support payments by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the agency's web site allows parents to update address information, a recipient may enter the new address online.

If the address or place of employment of an obligor changes, the obligor, within 10 days after moving or receiving the first earnings from the employer, must send the new address or employment information to a child support enforcement agency that receives the support payments by certified mail, return receipt requested. An obligor may also enter the information online, if the agency's web site allows for such updates.

Background: Although not specified in statute, many local child support enforcement agency offices allow recipients or obligors to provide notice of a change in address and/or employment either in-person, by telephone or through an electronic communication.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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