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House Bill 136
 Judiciary

(Delegates Moon and Palakovich Carr)

**Child Support Enforcement - Occupational and Recreational Licenses -
 Taxpayer Identification Number**

This bill requires a licensing authority to require each applicant for a license to disclose the applicant’s taxpayer identification number if the applicant does not have a Social Security number. The licensing authority must record, as appropriate, the taxpayer identification number on the application. A licensing authority includes (1) specified departments of the Executive Branch; (2) the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue professional or recreational licenses; and (3) the Maryland Supreme Court. The bill also requires requests from the Child Support Administration (CSA) to a licensing authority about any obligor in arrears in paying child support – and the licensing authority’s response – to include the taxpayer identification number if the obligor does not have a Social Security number.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by up to \$50,000 in FY 2024 only for one-time programming costs; otherwise, the bill’s requirements can be handled within existing budgeted resources. No direct effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	50,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: CSA within the Department of Human Services has various enforcement methods against an obligor who is in arrears in paying child support. This includes the potential suspension or denial of licenses (including certificates, registrations, permits, or other authorizations) that are: (1) issued by a licensing authority; (2) subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or termination by a licensing authority; and (3) necessary for an individual to practice or engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession or recreational hunting or fishing. To facilitate these efforts, a licensing authority must generally obtain the Social Security number of the applicant and record the number on the application. If CSA requests information from a licensing authority regarding an obligor in arrears, the request must meet specified requirements, including containing the full name of the obligor and the Social Security number; the required response from the licensing authority must also include this information.

State Expenditures: The Maryland State Department of Education advises that implementation of the bill requires a one-time programming cost of approximately \$50,000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 1413 of 2022.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Office of the Attorney General; Comptroller's Office; Secretary of State; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland Department of Agriculture; Department of Human Services; Maryland Department of Education; Maryland Department of the Environment; Maryland Department of Labor; Department of Natural Resources; Maryland Department of Transportation; Maryland Insurance Administration; Public Service Commission; Department of Legislative Services

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