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**Bill number:** SB0071

**Committee:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**Bill title:** Execution on Judgment - Child Support Arrearage - Workers' Compensation

**DHS Position:** FAVORABLE

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The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) thanks the Committee for the opportunity to provide written support for Senate Bill 71 (SB 71).

The Department of Human Services (the Department) respectfully offers this letter of support for Senate Bill 71 (SB 71). This legislation specifies that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers' compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.

As currently drafted, Senate Bill 71 amends § 11-504 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article to authorize the Child Support Agency (CSA) to execute a judgment on a claim for personal injury and workers' compensation insurance plans. The statute would allow the Child Support Administration to enhance the authority of Child Support Administration to collect arrears for Maryland's children and families through workers' compensation claims.

Passage of Senate Bill 71 would establish that "twenty-five percent of the net recovery" by a debtor is subject to execution on a judgment for child support arrearage on a claim for personal injury with the Workers' Compensation Commission. This bill would clarify an existing ambiguity in Family Law for the Child Support Administration to use this collection source for payment of child support arrearages from noncustodial parents who are awarded settlements from personal injury through workers' compensation claims.

The Department is grateful to offer our support for SB 71 and requests a favorable report.