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Senate Bill 769 (as introduced 11-28-95)
Sponsor: Senator Mike Rogers
Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Support and Visitation Enforcement Act to prohibit a minor parent who was delinquent in paying child support from participating in extracurricular activities. "Extracurricular activity" would mean participation in an activity that was not part of the regular high school academic curriculum including, but not limited to, participation in athletics, theater, creative arts, or newspaper or yearbook production. Extracurricular activity would not include a work-study program.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 770, which would amend the School Code to prohibit a pupil from participating in activities specified in the Code if he or she were prohibited from participating in them under the Support and Visitation Enforcement Act.

Specifically, Senate Bill 769 provides that if the fixed amount of arrearage determined under the Friend of the Court Act were reached and the payer were attending high school, the Office of the Friend of the Court (FOC) would have to include in the notice of the arrearage to the payer notice that he or she would be prohibited from participating in a high school extracurricular activity until payment of the entire arrearage. The Friend of the Court would have to notify the principal of the payer's high school about the prohibition, and the principal would have to inform the FOC as to whether the payer was participating in a high school extracurricular activity.

If a payer were attending high school, a support order would have to include a provision that, if the payer were one month or more in arrears in payment of support, the payer would be prohibited from participation in a high school extracurricular activity. The support order would have to require the payer to keep the Office of the FOC informed of the name, address, and name of the principal of the high school that the payer was currently attending.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. A school district with a student in arrears, however, would incur minimal additional administrative expenses in complying with the notification requirements and limits on student participation that would be created by the bill.

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