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ASSIGNMENT, REDIRECTION, AND ABATEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT

House Bill 6010

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**Committee: Family and Children
Services**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6010 AS INTRODUCED 5-7-02

The bill would amend the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act (Public Act 295 of 1982) to allow for the assignment, redirection, and abatement of child support under certain circumstances.

Specifically, if a child for whom support is ordered is under the state's jurisdiction and placed in foster care, support would be assigned to the Family Independence Agency. This assignment of support would take precedence over a redirection of support.

In addition, the bill would allow the Court Family Services Office to consider and redirect support to the person responsible for the actual care, support, and maintenance of a child for whom support has been ordered.

Furthermore, the bill would also require the Court Family Services Office to abate support for a child who resides full-time with the payer, in accordance with policies established by the State Court Family Services Office Bureau.

Support would not be redirected or abated until 14 days after the Court Family Services Office notifies each party. The bill would allow a party to a support order to object to a redirection or abatement of support. If a party objected to the redirection or abatement within the 14 days, support would not be redirected or abated. After an objection, the office would either review the support order or notify each party that they could file a motion to modify support.

The bill would require that each support order that the court enters or modifies include statements notifying the parties of the court's ability to assign, redirect, or abate support in the above manner. In addition, the State Court Family Services Bureau could implement policies to assist each office in determining when the office should give a notice of a proposed redirection or abatement.

Finally, the bill would change references to the Friend of the Court, reflecting the proposed new name of the "Court Family Services Office."

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