

Fiscal Analysis

RETRO SUPPORT FROM PATERNITY COMPLAINT



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4775 AS AMENDED**, Rep. James Koetje

House Committee Judiciary

Analysis

Summary

This bill would amend the Paternity Act, PA 205 of 1956, to provide that a child support obligation is only retroactive to the date that the paternity complaint was filed unless one or both of the following circumstances exist; (a) the defendant was avoiding service of process, or (b) the defendant threatened or coerced through domestic violence or other means the complainant not to file a complaint. The current law provides for retroactive support to the period of the mother's confinement and pregnancy with certain exceptions if more than six years have elapsed after the birth of the child.

Fiscal Impact

There is no significant fiscal impact on the Family Independence Agency. Administrative costs of the Friend of the Court and the Judiciary could be reduced due to shortening the retroactivity period to be determined and administered, but the amount of this cost reduction is not determinable.

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