

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2155 - HB 2460

March 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds specifications that the application of the child support guidelines will be rebutted for the purpose of reducing any retroactive child support obligations if the petitioning parent (1) intentionally concealed the child's birth or parentage from the obligor parent for more than one year, (2) knew or reasonably should have known that the obligor parent was the biological parent of the child and failed to notify or attempt to notify the obligor parent within one year of the child's birth, or (3) the period for which retroactive support is sought is more than five years and the petitioning parent fails to present evidence that the petitioning parent made attempts to contact the obligor parent and notify the parent of the child's existence and the other parent's obligation, or the petitioning parent did not attempt to contact the obligor parent due to certain circumstances.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Human Services, the Department will update policies and procedures to reflect the changes regarding retroactive child support calculations; however, this can be accommodated within existing resources.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would add certain factors the court would need to consider in cases in which the presumption of the application of the child support guidelines is rebutted as it relates to determining retroactive child support.
- There will be no increase in caseloads for state or local courts; therefore, any fiscal impact would be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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