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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to contempt actions in paternity cases.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

3 Section 1. Chapter six hundred seventy-five (675), Code
4 1971, is amended by adding the following new section:

5 "CONTEMPT. If the father fails to comply with or violates
6 the terms or conditions of a support order made pursuant to
7 the provisions of this chapter, he shall be punished by the
8 court in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided
9 by law for a contempt of such court in any other suit or pro-
10 ceeding cognizable by such court."

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill permits the district court to cite for contempt
13 of court any person against whom paternity has been established
14 for support purposes and who fails to comply with, or violates,
15 a support order entered pursuant to such paternity finding.
16 The contempt sanction is available to courts under the Uniform
17 Support of Dependents Law, section 252A.6, subsection 13 of
18 the Code. The same sanction should be available to the district
19 court in paternity cases.

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