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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2124
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reports to a consumer reporting agency of an
2 overdue amount of child support owed by an obligor.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 252B.8A INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
2 A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY -- APPROPRIATE USE OF PROCEDURE.

3 Notwithstanding the amount of overdue support owed, the
4 department shall determine whether application of the
5 procedure for providing information to a consumer reporting
6 agency is inappropriate in a particular case. The department
7 shall refuse to provide information to a consumer reporting
8 agency if the obligor demonstrates a consistent and good faith
9 effort in payment of support, hardship, or a valid reason for
10 noncompliance with a support order. For the purposes of this
11 section, "consumer reporting agency" means any person or
12 organization which, for monetary fees, dues or on a
13 cooperative nonprofit basis, regularly engages in whole or in
14 part in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer
15 credit information or other information on consumers for the
16 purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties, and
17 which uses any means or facility of interstate commerce for
18 the purpose of preparing or furnishing consumer reports.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the department of human services to
21 determine the inappropriate application of the procedure which
22 allows the department to report the amount of an obligor's
23 overdue child support obligation to a consumer reporting
24 agency notwithstanding the amount of overdue support owed.
25 The bill specifies that the exception to application of the
26 procedure includes demonstration by the obligor of a good
27 faith effort to pay support, hardship, or a valid reason for
28 noncompliance. The bill also defines "consumer reporting
29 agency" for the purposes of the bill.

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