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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 92
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the frequency of a request for review of a
2 child support order being enforced by the child support
3 recovery unit.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 252H.13, Code 1995, is amended by
2 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. One review of a request for
4 review of the support order of a parent may be conducted
5 annually when the review is being conducted at the request of
6 a parent. The request for review may be made no earlier than
7 one year from the entry date of the support order or the most
8 recent modification, or the last completed review, whichever
9 is later. However, if a request for review is made within the
10 last year and was denied because the location of the
11 nonrequesting party was unknown at the time of the request, a
12 second request may be made within the same year if the
13 nonrequesting party is subsequently located. The unit shall
14 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide for the
15 frequency of a request for review of the support order of a
16 parent, consistent with this section.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill requires that one review of a support order for
19 which the child support recovery unit is providing enforcement
20 be allowed, annually, if requested by a parent. The bill also
21 allows for a subsequent review within the same year if the
22 initial request was denied because the nonrequesting party
23 could not be located but has subsequently been located. The
24 bill requires the child support recovery unit to adopt rules
25 to provide for the frequency of a request for review of a
26 child support order under this section.

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**HOUSE FILE 92
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for House File 92 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 92 changes the review and adjustment process for child support awards. Under current law, one review may be conducted ever two years at the request of either parent. House File 92 would change the review period to one year.

Assumptions:

1. The current number of review and adjustment orders is approximately 1,000.
2. Current caseload growth in child support is approximately 9.0% per year.
3. Changing the review and adjustment minimum period to one year would approximately double the number of review and adjustment orders each year. Including 9.0% caseload growth, the number of review and adjust orders is projected to increase to 2,200 in FY 1996 and 2,400 in FY 1997.

Fiscal Effect:

The fiscal effect of House File 92 is a General Fund cost of \$115,016 in FY 1996 and \$125,472 in FY 1997.

Each review and adjust order is estimated to cost \$251.91 in FY 1996 and FY 1997. This estimate is based on the following staff time and cost assumptions:

1. Clerical time - 2.57 hours at an hourly cost of \$11.79.
2. Child Support Recovery Officer time - 5.68 hours at an hourly cost of \$15.84.
3. Attorney time - 6.10 hours at an hourly cost of \$21.58.
4. At an assumed review and adjust caseload of 2,200 and 2,400 in FY 1996 and FY 1997, an additional 15.20 FTE positions would be needed in FY 1996 and 16.60 FTE positions in FY 1997.

The total staffing cost for each review and adjust order is \$251.91.

Each review and adjust order is estimated to generate \$199.63 in child support revenues each year. Of the \$199.63 in revenues, \$192.42 is due to federal reimbursement and \$7.21 is due to increased collections for child support clients receiving public assistance (which offset State expenditures for the Family Investment Program).

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The net General Fund cost of each review and adjust order is \$52.28 (\$251.91 cost less \$199.63 revenues). The total FY 1996 General Fund cost is \$115,016 (\$52.28 per case X 2,200 cases) and the FY 1997 General Fund cost is \$125,472 (\$52.28 per case X 2,400 cases).

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