

House Study Bill 620 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HARRIS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to collection of accrued interest on unpaid child
2 support by the department of health and human services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 252C.6, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **252C.6 Interest on support debts.**

4 1. Interest ~~accrues~~ shall accrue on support debts at the rate
5 provided in section 535.3 for court judgments.

6 2. The department ~~may~~ shall collect ~~the~~ accrued interest ~~but~~
7 ~~is not required to maintain interest balance accounts~~ on support
8 debts, and a court order shall not be required for the department
9 to collect the accrued interest.

10 3. Child support services may waive payment of ~~the~~ interest
11 accrued on a support debt if the waiver will facilitate the
12 collection of the support debt.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill requires the department of health and human services
17 (HHS) to collect interest accrued on unpaid child support debt,
18 and allows HHS to collect the interest without first obtaining
19 a court order. Under current law, HHS may collect the accrued
20 interest but is not required to maintain interest balance
21 accounts for accrued interest on support debts. The bill removes
22 language related to HHS maintaining interest balance accounts for
23 accrued interest on support debts.