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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: Senate File 279
Committee: Human Resources
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Child Support Recovery Amendments

Senate File 279 is the annual proposal from the Department of Human Services' Child Support Recovery Unit for revisions in Iowa's child support laws.

Summary of Action

Senate Action – The Senate **ADOPTED** Senate File 279 on a vote of 50-0 on March 10, 2011.

Committee Action – The Human Resources Committee **PASSED** Senate File 279 on a vote of 21-0 on March 23, 2011.

House Action – The House **ADOPTED** Senate File 279 on a vote of 92-0 on April 6, 2011.

Final Action – The Governor **SIGNED** Senate File 279 on April 19, 2011.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – The section amends Iowa Code section 252D.18 (3) to address the situation when multiple states have child support orders for the same child. The new language allows CSRU to terminate an income withholding order when the jurisdiction for the case has been changed to another state. This change is necessary to comply with new federal regulations.

Section 2 – The section amends Iowa Code section 252H.2 (2) (g) to deal with another situation that occurs when multiple states have support orders in the same case. The section inserts language giving CSRU the ability to combine child support arrearages in multiple states into one, if the case is being handled in Iowa. This change is necessary to comply with new federal regulations.

Section 3 – The section amends Iowa Code section 252H.14A (3) to require a parent requesting an abbreviated review of the support order to get the notice via the mail. Under current law, the notice would have to be delivered by personal service of process. If the notice does not arrive within 90 days of waiving personal service, then delivery is required by personal service unless a new waiver is obtained.

Section 4 – The section amends Iowa Code 252J.4 (3) to allow a person requesting an abbreviated review of a support order and DHS to agree to waive the 10 day waiting requirement before there can be a conference on the order. Last year the Legislature implemented to expedited review, but it did not address the 10 day waiting period. This change will speed up the review process if all parties agree to that.