

## **SB 765     STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Judiciary**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Eliminates references to private health care coverage as part of medical support clause of child support order and allows clause to address any type of health care coverage. Eliminates certain Department of Justice obligations on child support orders when the obligee has entered an agreement with a collection agency and the Administrator of Division of Child Support is providing support enforcement services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Currently, child support orders are required to include a medical support clause that addresses providing private health care coverage for the child. Senate Bill 765-A eliminates references to private health care coverage and allows the medical support clause to address both public and private health care coverage by using the term health care coverage.

Currently, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to submit support payments to a collection agency when the obligee requests it by submitting the appropriate form. 45 CFR 302.38 now requires support payments be made directly to the resident parent, legal guardian or the like. SB 765-A eliminates DOJ obligations on child support orders when the obligee enters an agreement with a collection agency and the Administrator of Division of Child Support is providing support enforcement services. These obligations include when to disburse support payments to the collection agency.