

SB 822 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

Action Date: 04/06/21

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 3 - Heard, Linthicum, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/29, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows any child support arrearage that accrued under a judgment that is terminated by a later-issued child support judgment, to be subsumed by the later-issued judgment. Specifies that arrearage is enforceable in the court case for the later-issued judgment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Parents agreeing to child support orders outside of the child support program
- Debt can accrue under both orders when orders conflict
- Equitable and fair enforcement
- Clean accounting

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, when a new child support order is created to modify a previous child support order, and the new order doesn't explicitly address the earlier order, the debt from the earlier judgment must be enforced separately from and in addition to the debt owed under the newer judgment.

Senate Bill 822 allows the related child support debts to be consolidated into one court case.