

**SB 822 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Morgan

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 05/20/21

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 8-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Power, Wallan

**Exc:** 2 - Noble, Wilde

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/10, 5/12, 5/20

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**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:**

- Parent arranged child support orders outside of the child support program
- Conflicting child support orders, where debt can accrue under both orders
- Pursuing debts for the same parties separately
- Cleaner 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 without having to file a motion to consolidate.