LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB236

Bill as Introduced

HB 236 - AS INTRODUCED

2015 SESSION

15-0106
05/06

HOUSE BILL ***236***

AN ACT relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Webb, Rock 6; Rep. Oligny, Rock 34; Rep. Flanagan, Hills 26; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of the self-support reserve if the obligor's household includes other minor, dependent children. The bill also expands the definition of allowable child care expenses to include expenses for children residing in either home.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Child Support Guidelines; Self-Support Reserve. Amend RSA458-C:2, X to read as follows:

X. "Self-support reserve" means 115 percent of the federal poverty guideline for a single person living alone ***or for the obligor's household***, as determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. ***The obligor's household shall include the obligor and any minor, dependent children of the obligor who are not the subject of the support order.***

2 Child Support Guidelines; Allowable Child Care Expenses. Amend RSA 458-C:2, I-a to read as follows:

I-a. "Allowable child care expenses" means actual work-related child care expenses for [~~the children to whom the order applies~~] ***children residing in either home*** and includes necessary work-related education and training costs.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.

Amendments

Rep. Edelblut, Hills. 38
Rep. Itse, Rock. 10
Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 14
March 2, 2015
2015-0618h
05/03

Amendment to HB 236

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Child Support Guidelines; Self-Support Reserve. Amend RSA 458-C:2, X to read as follows:

X. "Self-support reserve" means 115 percent of the federal poverty guideline for a single person living alone ***or for the obligor's household***, as determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. ***The obligor's household shall include the obligor and any minor natural or adopted children of the obligor who are not the subject of the support order.***

2 Child Support Guidelines; Allowable Child Care Expenses. Amend RSA 458-C:2, I-a to read as follows:

I-a. "Allowable child care expenses" means actual work-related child care expenses for [~~the children to whom the order applies~~] ***the natural or adopted children of either party*** and includes necessary work-related education and training costs.

2015-0618h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of the self-support reserve if the obligor's household includes other natural or adopted children of the obligor. The bill also expands the definition of allowable child care expenses to include expenses for the natural or adopted children of either party.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 236 Date Feb. 17, 2015

Committee Children & Family Law

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Sen Regina Birdsell			SD #19	✓	
REP. JOHN POTUCEK			ROCKINGHAM 6- DERRY	✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 236

BILL TITLE: **relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.**

DATE: **February 17, 2015**

LOB ROOM: **206** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **10:55 am**

Time Adjourned: **11:40 am**

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Gargasz, DeSimone, Itse, Oligny, Ingbretson, Tasker, Edelblut, Ferreira, Howe, Parent, R. Rice, Schleien, P. Long, C. Chase, Alicea, Stevens, Kaen, Berrien, Proburg and M. Hennessey.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Webb, Rock 6; Rep. Oligny, Rock 34; Rep. Flanagan, Hills 26; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

TESTIMONY

*Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Webb, prime sponsor, introduced the bill to the committee.
When determining child support the individual parent's salary is determined without taking the whole family in each party's life.

Jessica Allen, Derry, NH, representing self – support
It is important to consider family unit, including child care/day care cost and legally dependant children.
Rep. Long: Q. These other child concerns are dependants? A. Yes.

Rep. Oligny: Child support laws are complicated. Let's not plunge the obligor into poverty level.. Let's consider child care expenses of obligor.

Rep. DeSimone: Q. Should we take into consideration the new spouse's income? A. This bill is not about that.

Attorney Tim Frazier, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – information only

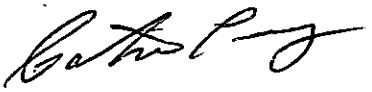
- Unintended consequences: Obligor's household, "household" needs to be more defined.
- Work related child care expenses – means children in both homes

He will email written testimony to the committee.

Keith Kuenning, Child and Family Services – oppose
The language is too broad on defining existing obligations.

Daniel P. Allen, Derry, NH, representing self – support
Support should be 50/50. Support should be based on obligor's household income on all children. Ex-wife is working part time only and her new husband is disabled.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Patrick T. Long, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 236

BILL TITLE: **relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.**

DATE: 2/17/15

LOB ROOM: 206 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:55

Time Adjourned: 11:40

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. (Gargasz), (DeSimone), (Itse), (Oligny), (Ingbretson), (Tasker), (Edelblut), (Ferreira), Howe, (Parent), K. Rice, Schleien, (P. Long), (C. Chase), (Alicea), (Stevens), (Kaen), (Berrien), Froburg and M. (Hennessey).

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Webb, Rock 6; Rep. Oligny, Rock 34; Rep. Flanagan, Hills 26; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

- Rep Webb: Introduced The Bill. When determining child support The individual Parent's salary is determined. without Taking The whole Family in each Parties Life.

-Jessica Allen: Important To Consider Family Unit, including child care/DAY care cost. Legaly defendant children.

Rep Long Q: These other Child Concerns are defendant's.
A: yes

-Rep Oligney: Child support Laws are Complicated, Lets not Plunge The obligor into poverty Level. Lets Consider Child care Expenses of obligor.

Rep DeSimone: Q. Should we Take into Consideration The new Spouse's income?
A: This bill is not About That.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Patrick T. Long, Clerk

- Jim Frazier Atty, DHHS:
  unintended consequences: Obligors Household, Household needs to be more defined.
  work Related Child Care Expenses - means children in Both Homes.
  will Email Testimony
- Keith Luenning: Child and Family Services
  Language is To Broad on defining existing obligation.
- Daniel P. Allen: Support should be 50/50. Support should be Based on Obligors Household income on All children. ex-wife is working Part Time only and Her new Husband is Disabled.

Testimony

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

DCSS s650
7/13

Child Support Guidelines Worksheet

Court Name: _____ Case Number: _____

In the matter of: _____ and _____

Child's Name	DOB	Child's Name	DOB

1. Total Number Of Children		

2. Obligor's Reasonable Medical Support Obligation (4% of Obligor's Monthly Gross Income, rounded to nearest dollar)		3. Obligee's Reasonable Medical Support Obligation (4% of Obligee's Monthly Gross Income, rounded to nearest dollar)	

PAYMENT CALCULATIONS *NOTE: All income and expenses must be converted to monthly amounts (multiply weekly amounts by 4.33; bi-weekly amounts by 2.17).*		OBLIGOR (Column 1)	OBLIGEE (Column 2)	COMBINED (Column 3)
4.	Monthly gross income			
5A.	Court/Admin. ordered support for other children			
5B.	50% of actual self-employment taxes paid			
5C.	Mandatory retirement			
5D.	Actual state income taxes paid			
5E.	Allowable child care expenses (obligor) (See LINE 5E instructions)			
5F.	Medical support for children (obligor)			
5G.	Total deductions (Add lines 5A through 5F)			
6.	Adjusted monthly gross income (Subtract line 5G from line 4)			
7A.	Child support guideline amount (From Guideline Calculation Table)			
7B.	Guideline percentage (From Guideline Calculation Table)			
8A.	Allowable child care expenses (obligee) (See LINE 8A instructions)			
8B.	Medical support for children (obligee)			
8C.	Total allowable obligee expenses (Add line 8A and 8B)			
9.	Total adjusted monthly gross income			
10.	Proportional share of income			
11.	Parental support obligation (Line 10 times line 7A)			
ABILITY TO PAY CALCULATION				
12.	Self-support reserve (From Guideline Calculation Table)			
13.	Income available for support (Subtract line 12 from line 9, column 1)			
14.	Monthly support payable (Enter the smaller of line 11, column 1, or line 13, column 1. If line 13, column 1, is less than $50.00, then a minimum order of $50.00 is entered.)			
15.	Presumptive child support order (If weekly, divide line 14 by 4.33; if bi-weekly, divide line 14 by 2.17; if monthly, enter same amount as in line 14.) ** ROUND THE RESULT TO THE NEAREST WHOLE DOLLAR **	$	Frequency (circle one): Weekly Bi-Weekly Monthly	

Prepared by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET INSTRUCTIONS

TOP OF FORM Enter the Court Name, Case Number, the names of the petitioner and respondent, and the names and dates of birth of the children.

LINE 1 Enter the total number of children.

LINE 2 Enter the obligor's reasonable medical support obligation (to determine obligor's reasonable medical support obligation, multiply obligor's monthly gross income by .04 and round to the nearest whole dollar). **The obligor is the person who will pay child support.** The monthly gross income for the obligor is the amount entered in LINE 4, Column 1 (see below).

LINE 3 Enter the obligee's reasonable medical support obligation (to determine obligee's reasonable medical support obligation, multiply obligee's monthly gross income by .04 and round to the nearest whole dollar). **The obligee is the person who will receive child support.** The monthly gross income for the obligee is the amount entered in LINE 4, Column 2 (see below).

LINE 4 In Columns 1 and 2, enter the total monthly gross income for the obligor and obligee, respectively. Monthly gross income includes all income from any source, whether earned or unearned, including but not limited to, wages, salary, commissions, tips, annuities, Social Security benefits, trust income, lottery or gambling winnings, interest, dividends, investment income, net rental income, self-employment income, alimony, business profits, pension, bonuses and payments from other government programs (excluding public assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Old Age Assistance (OAA), Aid to the Needy Blind (ANB), Food Stamps and general assistance from a county or town); including, but not limited to, worker's compensation, veterans' benefits, unemployment benefits, and disability benefits, provided, however, that no income earned at an hourly rate for hours worked, on an occasional or seasonal basis, in excess of 40 hours in any week shall be considered as income for the purpose of determining gross income, and provided further that such hourly rate income is earned for actual overtime labor performed by an employee who earns wages at an hourly rate in a trade or industry which traditionally or commonly pays overtime wages, thus excluding professionals, business owners, business partners, self-employed individuals and others who may exercise sufficient control over their income so as to re-characterize payment to themselves to include overtime wages in addition to salary. *(NOTE: To compute Monthly Gross Income from weekly income, multiply the weekly amount by 4.33; from bi-weekly income, multiply the bi-weekly income by 2.17.)*

LINE 5A Enter any court-ordered or administratively-ordered support for children or adults *not* subject to this order actually paid by the Obligor (in Column 1) and/or the Obligee (in Column 2).

LINE 5B Enter 50% of the actual amount of self-employment tax paid by the Obligor (in Column 1) and/or the Obligee (in Column 2).

LINE 5C Enter any mandatory retirement contributions paid by the Obligor (in Column 1) and by the Obligee (in Column 2). *NOTE: Only payments which are required by the employer may be entered.*

LINE 5D Enter any actual state income taxes paid by the Obligor (in Column 1) and the Obligee (in Column 2).

LINE 5E Enter allowable work-related child care expenses paid by the Obligor in Column 1. Allowable work-related child care expenses means actual child care expenses for the children to whom the order applies, which are incurred as a result of the Obligor's employment, or due to the Obligor's participation in education or training activities associated with acquiring or maintaining work/job skills.

LINE 5F Enter the actual amount paid by the Obligor for adding the children to whom the order applies to existing health insurance coverage, or the difference between individual and family coverage, in Column 1.

LINE 5G Enter the total allowable deductions for the Obligor (in Column 1) and for the Obligee (in Column 2). *NOTE: The Obligor's total allowable deductions equal the sum of LINES 5A, Column 1 – 5F, Column 1. The Obligee's total allowable deductions equal the sum of LINES 5A, Column2 – 5F, Column 2.*

LINE 6 Subtract LINE 5G, Column 1, from LINE 4, Column 1, and enter the result in Column 1. Subtract LINE 5G, Column 2, from LINE 4, Column 2, and enter the result in Column 2. Add Column 1 and Column 2, and enter the result in Column 3.

LINE 7A From the Child Support Guideline Calculation Table, find the line/row containing the Combined Adjusted Monthly Gross Income. Where this row intersects the Column for the number of children to whom this order applies, find the Guideline Amount. Enter this amount in Column 3.

LINE 7B From the same line/row of the Child Support Guideline Calculation Table, find the appropriate % of Net amount for the number of children to whom this order applies. Enter the percentage in Column 3.

LINE 8A Enter any allowable work-related child care expenses paid by the Obligee in Column 2. Allowable work-related child care expenses means actual child care expenses for the children to whom the order applies, which are incurred as a result of the Obligee's employment, or due to the Obligee's participation in education or training activities associated with acquiring or maintaining work/job skills.

LINE 8B Enter the actual amount paid by the Obligee for adding the children to whom this order applies to existing health insurance coverage, or the difference between individual and family coverage, in Column 2.

LINE 8C Enter the sum of LINE 8A, Column 2 and LINE 8B, Column 2.

LINE 9 Enter the amount in LINE 6, Column 1, in Column 1. Subtract LINE 8C, Column 2, from LINE 6, Column 2, and enter the result in Column 2. Add Column 1 and Column 2, and enter the result in Column 3.

LINE 10 Divide LINE 9, Column 1, by LINE 9, Column 3 and enter the result in Column 1. Divide LINE 9, Column 2, by LINE 9, Column 3 and enter the result in Column 2.

LINE 11 Multiply LINE 10, Column 1, by LINE 7A, Column 3 and enter the result in Column 1. Multiply LINE 10, Column 2, by LINE 7A, Column 3, and enter the result in Column 2.

LINE 12 Enter the self-support reserve amount (poverty level for a household of one) as published at the top left corner of each page of the Child Support Guideline Calculation Table.

LINE 13 Subtract LINE 12, Column 1 from LINE 9, Column 1 and enter the result in Column 1.

LINE 14 Enter the smaller of LINE 11, Column 1, or LINE 13, Column 1. **If LINE 13, Column 1, is less than $50.00, enter $50.00 in Column 1.**

LINE 15 Enter the presumptive order amount in Column 1. For weekly orders, divide LINE 14 by 4.33 and enter the result in Column 1. For bi-weekly orders, divide LINE 14 by 2.17 and enter the result in Column 1. For monthly orders, enter the amount in LINE 14. **ROUND THE RESULT TO THE NEAREST WHOLE DOLLAR,** and circle the appropriate frequency. ***The amount entered in Column 1 must not be lower than $50.00 per month.***

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HOUSE BILL 236

BILL TITLE: **relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.**

DATE: **March 3, 2015**

LOB ROOM: **206**

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. F. Edelblut — OLS Document #: 2015 0618h

Sponsor: Rep. — OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. — OLS Document #:

Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.) Amendment #0618h adopted By show of hands

Moved by Rep. D. Itse

Seconded by Rep. F. Edelblut

Vote: 12-7 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, (OTP/A), ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. D. Itse

Seconded by Rep. F. Edelblut

Vote: 11-8 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES (NO)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Patrick T. Long, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HOUSE BILL 236

BILL TITLE: **relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.**

DATE: 3/3/15 {Type DATE}

LOB ROOM: 206

Amendments: Y 12 – N 7

Sponsor: Rep. EDELBLUT OLS Document #: 2015-0618h

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. ITSE

Seconded by Rep. Edelblut

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Motions: OTP, (OTP/A) ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. ITSE

Seconded by Rep. EDELBLUT

Vote: 11-8 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

motion carries

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: {Type VOTE}

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Patrick T. Long, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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2015 SESSION

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

Bill #: 236 Title: _____

PH Date: ___/___/___ Exec Session Date: 03/03/2015

Motion: OTPA Amendment #: 2015-0618h

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Gargasz, Carolyn M., Chairman	✓	
DeSimone, Debra L., V Chairman	✓	
Itse, Daniel C.	✓	
Oligny, Jeffrey D.	✓	
Ingbretson, Paul C.	✓	
Tasker, Kyle J.	✓	
Edelblut, Frank	✓	
Ferreira, Elizabeth	✓	
~~Howe, Ann~~ Rep Gray	✓	
Parent, Jason R.	✓	
Rice, Kimberly A.	✓	
Schleien, Eric I.		
Long, Patrick T., Clerk		✓
Chase, Cynthia L.		✓
Alicea, Caroletta C		✓
Stevens, Audrey M.		✓
Kaen, Naida L.		✓
Berrien, Skip		✓
Froburg, Alethea Lincoln		✓
Hennessey, Martha		✓
TOTAL VOTE:	11	8

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 4, 2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW to which was referred HB 236,

AN ACT relative to child support and allowable child care expenses. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Daniel C. Itse

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW**
Bill Number:	**HB236**
Title:	**relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.**
Date:	**March 4, 2015**
Consent Calendar:	**NO**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

HB 236 as amended ensures that all of the children, natural and adopted, of an individual who has a child support obligation are treated equally. This bill removes an existing inequity by birth order. It will hopefully remove existing impediments to stable second marriages.

Vote 11-8

Rep. Daniel C. Itse
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB236, relative to child support and allowable child care expenses. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Daniel C. Itse for the **Majority** of CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW. HB 236 as amended ensures that all of the children, natural and adopted, of an individual who has a child support obligation are treated equally. This bill removes an existing inequity by birth order. It will hopefully remove existing impediments to stable second marriages. **Vote 11-8.**

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MAJORITY REPORT REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

HB 236, relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

VOTE: 11-8

REP. DANIEL C. ITSE

HB 236 as amended ensures that all of the children, natural and adopted, of an individual who has a child support obligation are treated equally. This bill removes an existing inequity by birth order. It will hopefully remove existing impediments to stable second marriages.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Split

COMMITTEE: Children & Family Law

BILL NUMBER: HB 236

TITLE: Relative to Child Support and Allowable Child Care Expenses

DATE: 3/3/15 **CONSENT CALENDAR:** YES ☐ NO ☒

- ☐ OUGHT TO PASS
- ☑ OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT — Amendment No. 0618h
- ☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- ☐ INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 11-8

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. ITSE

For the Committee

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- Use Another Report for Minority Report

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REGULAR CALENDAR

March 4, 2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW to which was referred HB 236,

AN ACT relative to child support and allowable child care expenses. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Martha Hennessey

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW
Bill Number:	HB236
Title:	relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.
Date:	March 4, 2015
Consent Calendar:	NO
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The minority, believe that children of divorce even within the "best" divorces, have lived through crises inherent in the end of their family of origin. Stability is critical and in the best interest of all children including financial stability. HB 236 allows the parent providing court-ordered financial support to reduce financial support to existing children when he/she has subsequent biological or adopted children. The needs of existing children are not reduced when parents remarry and have other children.

Rep. Martha Hennessey
FOR THE MINORITY

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Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB236, relative to child support and allowable child care expenses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Martha Hennessey for the **Minority** of CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW. The minority, believe that children of divorce even within the "best" divorces, have lived through crises inherent in the end of their family of origin. Stability is critical and in the best interest of all children including financial stability. HB 236 allows the parent providing court-ordered financial support to reduce financial support to existing children when he/she has subsequent biological or adopted children. The needs of existing children are not reduced when parents remarry and have other children.

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MINORITY REPORT REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE

HB 236, relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

REP. MARTHA HENNESSEY

The minority, believe that children of divorce even within the "best" divorces, have lived through crises inherent in the end of their family of origin. Stability is critical and in the best interest of all children including financial stability. HB 236 allows the parent providing court-ordered financial support to reduce financial support to existing children when he/she has subsequent biological or adopted children. The needs of existing children are not reduced when a parent ~~remarry and have~~ remarries other children.

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MINORITY REPORT

COMMITTEE: Child & Family Law

BILL NUMBER: HB 236

TITLE: relative to child support and allowable child care expense.

DATE: 3/3/15 **CONSENT CALENDAR:** YES ☐ NO ☒

~~☒ OUGHT TO PASS~~

~~☒ OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT~~

Amendment No. ~~2015-0618h~~

☒ **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

☐ **INTERIM STUDY** (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

The minority, being unable to agree with the majority, believe that children of divorce - even within the "best" divorces - have lived through crises inherent in the end of their family of origin. Stability is critical and in the best interests of all children - including financial stability. HB 236 allows the parent providing court-ordered financial support to reduce financial support ~~when he/she has subsequent~~ to existing children when he/she has subsequent biological or adopted children. The needs of existing children are not reduced when parents remarry and have other children.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 11:8

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. Hennessey
For the Minority

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