HB 1396-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1396-FN***

AN ACT relative to the payment of child support.

SPONSORS: Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires child support orders to clearly indicate the payment schedule and due date.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Twenty Two

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

1 New Paragraph; Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Support; Due Date. Amend RSA 461-A:14 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. All support orders shall clearly indicate the payment schedule and the date payment is due from the obligor to the obligee.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1396-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	[X] General Funds	[ ] Education	[ ] Highway	[X] Other - Federal

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires child support orders to clearly indicate the payment schedule and due date.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Child Support Services does not foresee any significant fiscal impact resulting from this bill. However, depending upon how the legislation is implemented, there could be an indeterminate fiscal impact should changes in the Bureau's automated systems be required. One of the Bureau's primary responsibilities is to enforce child support orders. To fulfill its mandate, the Bureau relies on various procedures and automated systems to set up and track orders for enforcement. Any changes to the Bureau's procedures for setting up support orders or for enforcement could conceivably require changes to the New England Child Support Enforcement System (NECSES). Such changes may result in a one-time indeterminable increase in State expenditures in FY 2023. Under Title IV-D, there is available a 66% federal financial participation (FFP) funds with a 34% match of General Funds. The proposed legislation makes no appropriation for its implementation.

The Judicial Branch does not believe this bill would result in a fiscal impact to the Branch, or if there is an impact it will be minor. The Branch assumes the requirements in the bill could be incorporated into existing processes for issuing orders. The Branch may need to update forms, but anticipates that any such expenditure would be minor.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact would occur after FY 2022.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: