

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6509

As of January 28, 2000

Title: An act relating to jurisdiction in child support matters.

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to service of child support documents.

Sponsors: Senators Winsley and Fairley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor & Workforce Development: 1/31/2000.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Background: Judicial proceedings involving child support and paternity are complex, involving notice, hearing, service of process and judicial standing.

Summary of Bill: At the request of the Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Child Support, numerous technical changes are made to statutes involving judicial proceedings for child support.

In certain circumstances, notice is given to the county prosecutor, instead of the Office of the Attorney General. Court hearings allow a custodian who is not the parent of the child to have the same notice and hearing rights as a custodial parent. Custodial parents rights and duties to file or make appearances in court are in parity with "responsible parents." The ability of a presiding officer, such as an administrative law judge, to enter orders is clarified. Persons may be served by mail or parcel delivery. Certain adjudicative notice proceedings are repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.