

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1298

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning child support order summary report forms.

Sponsors: Representative Kelley.

House Committee on Judiciary
Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background:

Parties establishing or modifying a child support order must complete a child support order summary report form. The parties must attach the form to the child support worksheets filed with the court. The clerk sends the forms to the Division of Child Support (DCS) at the Department of Social and Health Services, and the DCS prepares a report using the data from these forms. The DCS report is to be used for reviewing the state's child support laws. Federal law requires states to review their child support laws every four years.

In 2007 legislation was enacted directing the DCS to convene a work group every four years to conduct these reviews. The 2007 legislation required the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC) to analyze the data from the summary report forms.

The JLARC found that the information received from these forms is incomplete, may not be accurate, and is unusable for purposes of the review required by federal law. In its final report, the JLARC recommends that the Legislature eliminate the summary report forms and instead have the DCS use data from the actual child support orders to compile its report.

Summary:

References to the child support summary order report forms are removed from the statutes. To prepare its report, the DCS must use data compiled from child support orders, and the work groups conducting the quadrennial reviews must review the DCS report.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	48	0

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