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House Bill 4818 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Gary Woronchak
House Committee: Family and Children Services
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act to make revisions consistent with House Bill 4816 (H-3) regarding the establishment of a State Disbursement Unit (SDU) for the centralized collection and disbursement of child support payments and fees. The bill specifies that the Family Independence Agency (FIA), the SDU, and each Friend of the Court (FOC) office would be required to cooperate in the transition to the centralized system. The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4816.

Under the Act, "support" includes the payment of money ordered by the circuit court under the Paternity Act for the necessary expenses incurred by or for the mother in connection with her confinement, or for other expenses in connection with the mother's pregnancy. The bill would add "or for the repayment of genetic testing expenses" to that provision.

The Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act provides that a notice of income withholding for support and fees entered under the Act must direct that income withheld be paid to the FOC office of the court in which the support order was entered, within three days after the date of withholding. The bill would require that the notice direct payment to be made to the FOC office or the SDU, as appropriate.

The Act requires a source of income to identify each withholding by certain identifying information. If the source of income is an employer, it also must provide its Federal employer identification number. The bill specifies that a source of income could meet these requirements through the use of an automated reporting system established by the SDU.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** for House Bill 4816.

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