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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bills 682, 683, and 684 (as introduced 10-2-01)
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom
Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

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CONTENT

Senate Bills 682, 683, and 684 would amend the divorce Act, the Family Support Act, and the Child Custody Act, respectively, to change statutory citations to sections governing child support that a court may order after a child reaches 18 years of age.

Currently, each of those Acts refers to a provision within the Act that previously allowed a court to order support for a child 18 years of age or older, up to the age of 19 years and six months, for the time the child was regularly attending high school, on a full-time basis with a reasonable expectation of completing sufficient credits to graduate, while residing on a full-time basis with the support recipient or at an institution.

Those provisions of the divorce Act, the Family Support Act, and the Child Custody Act were repealed by Public Acts 107, 111, and 108 of 2001, respectively. Public Act 106 of 2001 re-enacted that authorization for support orders beyond a child's 18th birthday in the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act. The bills would refer to the provision in that Act rather than the now-repealed sections of the divorce Act, the Family Support Act, and the Child Custody Act.

Senate Bill 683 also would delete a provision in the Family Support Act that requires each support order modified by the court to require that each party to the order keep the Friend of the Court informed of the name and address of his or her current source of income and any health care coverage that is available to him or her as a benefit of employment or that is maintained by the individual. (That provision also was incorporated into the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act by Public Act 106.)

MCL 552.17a (S.B. 682)
552.451 et al. (S.B. 683)
722.22 (S.B. 684)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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