

HB 1906 -- Child Support Service Fees

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill requires the Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services to charge fees for certain child support-related services including:

- (1) A nonrefundable \$60 fee to an obligee or obligor who requests the division to review a support order to determine whether a modification of a support order is appropriate;
- (2) A nonrefundable fee to an obligee or obligor who requests that the division modify a support order after the division has determined that a modification is appropriate. The fee will be \$175 if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income equal to or greater than 250% but less than 400% of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one or \$350 if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income equal to or greater than 400% of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one;
- (3) A \$25 fee for submitting past-due child and spousal support debts for collection through federal income tax refund offset. The fee will only be assessed if the division collects support using the offset; and
- (4) A \$10 fee from support received through the payment center for each order for every year or portion of a year during which payments are received by the center. Currently, the division may charge this fee.

The review and modification fees must be waived if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one, if the requestor is or was receiving assistance under a state program funded under Part A of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, or if the fee is prohibited by state or federal law. The collection fee through tax refund offset is waived if the obligee is or was receiving assistance under a state program funded under Part A of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act or if the fee is prohibited by state or federal law. The division is authorized to change the amount of the review and modification fees by administrative rule based on actual standardized costs in accordance with state rules and regulations.