

HB 260 -- UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

SPONSOR: Cox

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill repeals the provisions regarding the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; re-enacts them to be consistent with the changes adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and extends the provisions of the act to the establishment, enforcement, or modification of child or spousal support orders that involve a foreign country.

The bill becomes effective upon ratification by the United States Congress.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will facilitate the enforcement of a support order when a parent attempts to evade an order by moving to another state. It is designed to prevent the practice by some litigants to get their cases heard in a more favorable court and helps with the enforcement of support orders from other states.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cox; and Larry Swall, Missouri Bar Family Law Section.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.