

Subject Child Support DHS Policy Bill

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Overview

This bill makes changes to provisions related to actions against parents for public assistance furnished to a child, the Parentage Act, marriage dissolution, and child support. The bill also establishes authority for a state court to transfer certain child support actions to tribal courts.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Disclosure prohibited. Amends § 256.87, subd. 8. Makes clarifying changes; adds “the joint child” to the prohibition on the release of private data on the location of a party to an action against parents for public assistance furnished, under certain circumstances.
2	Hearings and records; confidentiality. Amends § 257.70. Makes changes in the Parentage Act so the language matches section 256.87, subdivision 8, as amended in section 1 of the bill.
3	Prohibited disclosure. Amends § 518.005, subd. 5. Makes changes in marriage dissolution rules and requirements so the language matches section 256.87, subdivision 8, as amended in section 1 of the bill.
4	Lump-sum payments. Amends § 518A.53, subd. 11. Deletes exception from the Consumer Credit Protection Act withholding limits for lump-sum collections for child support obligations, in order to comply with federal law.
5	Recreational license suspension. Amends § 518A.68. Removes language specifying service requirements for a motion to suspend or bar an obligor’s recreational license for nonpayment of child support.

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	Adds a motion to reinstate a recreational license, lists circumstances under which the motion may be granted.
6	Consumer reporting agency; reporting arrears. Amends § 518A.685. Deletes paragraph requiring reporting of child support arrears to a consumer reporting agency, in order to comply with national consumer reporting standards.
7	Motion to transfer to tribal court. Proposes coding for § 518A.80. Creates authority for a state court to transfer a post-judgment child support, custody, or parenting time action to a tribal court when the district court and tribal court have concurrent jurisdiction, the tribal IV-D child support agency is providing services, and no party or agency files an objection. Establishes court procedures; requires transfer to Red Lake Nation Tribal Court under certain circumstances. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.



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