

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Shields
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/11, 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides that judgments for child support awards expire after 35 years rather than the current 25 years. Applies to judgments whether entered before or after the effective date of this bill. Does not revive a judgment that has expired prior to the effective date of this Act.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for clarity

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Provides that judgments expire after 35 years.

**BACKGROUND:** When a parent fails to pay child support and the parent's child is receiving assistance from the state, the parent's obligation to pay child support becomes a debt the parent owes the state. A parent has an obligation to support his child until the child obtains the age of 18 years old. This obligation may extend beyond age 18 years in some circumstances. Currently, a judgment to pay child support expires after 25 years.