

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/11, 2/25, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a person ordered to pay temporary spousal support to pay the other party rather than the clerk of the court, the court administrator or the Department of Justice. Allows a court to include the amount of temporary child support or spousal support requested after commencement of suit in the general judgment. Applies to proceedings commenced on or after the effective date of the Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Payment directly to the obligee creditor
- Courts not set up to handle the receipt of these funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies the language regarding general judgments.

BACKGROUND: As part of a divorce or separation proceeding, one party may request temporary spousal support, temporary child support or both. The support payments may include an amount of money necessary for one party to prosecute or defend the divorce or separation suit. Currently, the party with the duty to pay pays the money to the Department of Justice, the clerk of court or the court administrator who in turn pays the money to the other party.