

SB 765 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/10/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates references to private health care coverage as part of medical support clause of child support order and allows clause to address any type of health care coverage. Eliminates certain Department of Justice obligations on child support orders when the obligee has entered an agreement with a collection agency and the Administrator of Division of Child Support is providing support enforcement services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Updates law to comply with federal regulation
- Removes distinction between public and private health insurance

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, child support orders are required to include a medical support clause that addresses providing private health care coverage for the child. Senate Bill 765-A eliminates references to private health care coverage and allows the medical support clause to address any type of health care coverage. It also eliminates certain Department of Justice obligations on child support orders when the obligee enters an agreement with a collection agency and the Administrator of Division of Child Support is providing support enforcement services. These obligations include when to disburse support payments to the collection agency or obligee.