



HOUSE BILL 297: DHHS Child Support Recommendations.-AB

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 297 would make changes to the administration of child support services in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the collection and payment of child support to families, as requested by the Department of Health and Human Services.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of HB 297 would amend 110-130.1 to provide that any fee imposed by the Department of Revenue or the Secretary of the Treasury to cover the costs of withholding for non-Work First arrearages for administrative offsets, as defined in federal regulation, are to be borne by the client, and that any such administrative offsets later determined to have been incorrectly withheld and distributed to a client will constitute a debt to the State owed by the client. The definition of "administrative offset" can be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title31-vol2/pdf/CFR-2013-title31-vol2-sec285-1.pdf>.

Section 2 of the bill would add provisions to G.S. 110-136.4, "Implementation of withholding in IV-D cases," permitting required notices of obligation to withhold to be served by means of an electronic transmission that complies with specified federal procedures.

Section 3. Under current G.S. 110-139.2, a notice to the obligor of levy on an account with a financial institution must include a copy of the applicable law (G.S. 110-139.2). HB 297 would require that the notice include only a reference to the applicable law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

