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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1136, L.D. 1522, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Status of Support Obligations if an Obligor Begins to Receive Public Assistance"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2302." by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2302." in subsection 3 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4" and inserting in its place the following: '3'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2302." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3" and inserting in its place the following: '2'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2302." in subsection 4 in the 6th line (page 1, line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3" and inserting in its place the following: '2'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2302." in subsection 4 in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "presumption" and inserting in its place the following: 'suspension'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2302." in subsection 5 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "presumption" and inserting in its place the following: 'suspension'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
3 "§2302." in subsection 5 by striking out all of paragraph C (page  
4 2, line 15 in L.D.)

6 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
7 "§2302." in subsection 5 in paragraph D in the first line (page  
8 2, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following:  
9 "opportunities" and inserting in its place the following:  
10 'opportunity to contest the suspension by seeking a modification'

12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
13 "§2302." in subsection 5 in paragraph D in the 2nd line (page 2,  
14 line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4" and  
15 inserting in its place the following: '3'

16 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
17 "§2302." in subsection 5 by relettering the paragraphs to read  
18 consecutively.

20 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
21 "§2302." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

22 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
23 summary the following:

#### 24 'FISCAL NOTE

25 The Bureau of Family Independence within the Department of  
26 Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to provide  
27 notification to the custodial parent of the status and  
28 opportunity associated with the obligor becoming an assisted  
29 obligor. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's  
30 existing budgeted resources.'

#### 31 SUMMARY

32 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing  
33 Committee on Judiciary. It is recommended by the Family Law  
34 Advisory Commission, which proposed the bill.

35 It removes the proposed presumption concerning the obligor's  
36 capacity to pay child support and replaces it with a suspension  
37 of the child support obligation for an obligor who receives  
38 supplemental security income or public assistance for the benefit  
39 of a child of that obligor. It also adds a fiscal note to the  
40 bill.