

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 904, 2d eng.
INTRODUCER: Senator Deutch
SUBJECT: Parental Responsibility
DATE: May 1, 2009

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

Amendment 1 – Barcode 917475

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

Amendment 1

According to the Department of Revenue (DOR), the existing s. 61.13(1)(d), F.S., conflicts with certain federal requirements for child support payments.

As required by federal law, s. 61.1824(1), F.S., requires DOR to operate the Florida State Disbursement Unit, which is responsible for the collection and disbursement of support payments in all Title IV-D cases and all non-Title IV-D cases where the initial support order was issued after January 1, 1994, and the obligor is paying through an income deduction order. The child support depositories operated by the clerks of the circuit court are required to participate fully in the State Disbursement Unit, and they receive federal Title IV-D matching funds to do so. According to DOR, *although the changes proposed by CS/CS/CS/SB 904 do not create the conflict*, s. 61.13(1)(d), F.S., is not in conformance with other federal and state requirements because it allows the parents to agree not to have certain child support payments to be made to the State Disbursement Unit.

This amendment precludes parents from agreeing to not have certain child support payments made to the State Disbursement Unit.

Per Senate HA (Marta Hardy), the amendment has no negative fiscal impact.