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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits the imposition of fees for cashing support checks by an entity under contract with the state to collect and disburse support.
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law

Current law generally designates the Office of Child Support in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) as the sole agency of the state responsible for the collection of all support payments due under support orders and for the disbursement of payments to those entitled to receive support ("obligees") (sec. 3121.43, not in the bill). Current law specifically authorizes the Office to enter contracts (1) with public entities or private vendors for the collection of amounts due under support orders or for the performance of other administrative duties of the Office and (2) with a public or private entity for the collection of arrearages owed under any child support order for which a court or child support enforcement agency has found the obligor in default pursuant to a final and enforceable order. These contracts must comply with specified ODJFS rules. (Secs. 3121.67 and 3121.71, not in the bill.)

Changes proposed by the bill

Under the bill, the ODJFS must require that any contract entered into or renewed on or after the bill's effective date for the performance of its duties relating to the collection of support payments and for the disbursement of those payments to obligees, as described above, prohibit the entity performing those

duties under the contract from imposing any fee on an obligee for cashing a support check issued by the entity (sec. 3125.55).

HISTORY

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