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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- CHILD SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Nardolillo, Casey, Lancia, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-5 of the General Laws entitled "Divorce and Separation" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **15-5-16.8. Child support calculation enforcement. --** (a) Any person that provides
4 parental income information to the family court to be used for the calculation of child support
5 must do so accurately and under oath.

6 (b) If a family court judge finds that untruthful or inaccurate income information has been
7 intentionally provided to the court, then he or she shall refer the provider to the state police for
8 investigation and possible prosecution.

9 (c) Any party or witness who commits a "fraudulent act" during a family court
10 proceeding addressing the issue of child support shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction
11 shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than one year or fined one thousand dollars
12 (\$1,000) or both. "Fraudulent act" means that a party and/or witness made a false representation
13 of a material fact or concealed a material fact with the intent to deceive and that the party and/or
14 witness intended that the family court rely on their material misrepresentation or misinformation.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make it a felony for any party or witness in a child support calculation
- 2 matter to provide the court with material misrepresentation or misinformation.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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