

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 422 – SB 560**

February 13, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a court to use the average monthly income of both parents for each corresponding year for which retroactive child support is awarded unless there is clear and convincing evidence to support a different period of time for use in the calculation and makes such a finding in its order. If a parent fails to provide reliable evidence of income for prior years and the court has no evidence of the parent's income for prior years, the court can use the average monthly income of the parent over the past two years to determine any retroactive child support obligations.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the bill may increase or reduce the amount of child support a private party is owed. Any fiscal impact due to the increase or reduction in child support arrearages will be borne by the private party and will not have an impact on state or local government.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Human Services, it is determined that the proposed legislation will not affect any operations, procedures, or policies; therefore, any fiscal impact is not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, it is determined that adding the additional requirement to be considered when making retroactive support awards will not significantly impact the courts; any fiscal impact is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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