

HOUSE BILL 143

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 21, Part 4 and Title 36, Chapter 5, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(g)(4)(A), is amended by deleting the language "subdivision (g)(4)(B) and".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(g)(4)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(g), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (5) and redesignating the existing subdivision accordingly:

(5) When the department of human services becomes aware of a change in circumstances of either party to a Title IV-D child support case, the department may review and seek an adjustment to the support obligation to the extent required by the child support guidelines.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-103(f)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(B) In the case of a request for review that is made between three-year cycles, the department shall review, and, if the requesting party demonstrates to the department that there has been a substantial change in circumstances, then the department shall seek an adjustment to the support order in accordance with the guidelines established pursuant to § 36-5-101(e); provided, that if the department becomes aware at any time of a change in circumstances of either party to a Title IV-D child support case, then the department may review and seek an adjustment to the support obligation to the extent

required by the child support guidelines. For purposes of this subsection (f), a "substantial change in circumstances" is a "significant variance," as defined by the department's child support guidelines, between the amount of the current order and the amount that would be ordered under the department's child support guidelines.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.