

HB 1780 -- Child Support Enforcement

Sponsor or Co-Sponsors: Green (73)

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Use Summary For: Version:, Year:,

Verbatim:

Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows: This bill makes several changes to the law governing how health insurance premiums are collected by employers as part of court-ordered child support. The bill:

(1) Requires the Division of Child Support Enforcement to use federal guidelines in notifying employers of their obligation to enroll the obligor's child in their health benefits plan. The Division must notify the employer within two days of the employee's name appearing on the State's directory of new hires;

(2) Requires an obligor who wants to contest the withholding of funds for required employee contributions to do so in writing within 30 days;

(3) Requires the employer to notify its health plan within 20 days of the order for health benefits coverage, and the health plan must respond within 40 days of the order;

(4) Requires the health plan to provide the custodial parent and the Division with a description of coverages that are available;

(5) Requires the Division and custodial parent to select a plan option within 20 days, or the child will be enrolled in the health plan's default option;

(6) Requires employers to promptly notify the Division when the obligor leaves its employ, and provide it with the last known address for the obligor and the obligor's new employer, if known; and

(7) Removes the obligation to provide health benefits for the child if the obligor's employer eliminates family health coverage for all of its employees.