

HB 406 -- ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO THE FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER

SPONSOR: Wieland

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires employers with more than 50 employees to remit any child support payments withheld to the Family Support Payment Center within the Division of Child Support Enforcement by electronic funds transfer or through other electronic or internet means as made available by the payment center.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will streamline the payment process. Currently, all payments go through the payment center. The division has a contract with a vendor, and under the current contract, for every payment they receive via check, it costs them a \$1. If they get the funds via an electronic payment, it costs them nothing. This is purely a cost savings and efficiency issue. There are no penalties if a small business does not submit the payment electronically.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wieland; and Daryl Wusk, Deputy Director, Family Support Division.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.